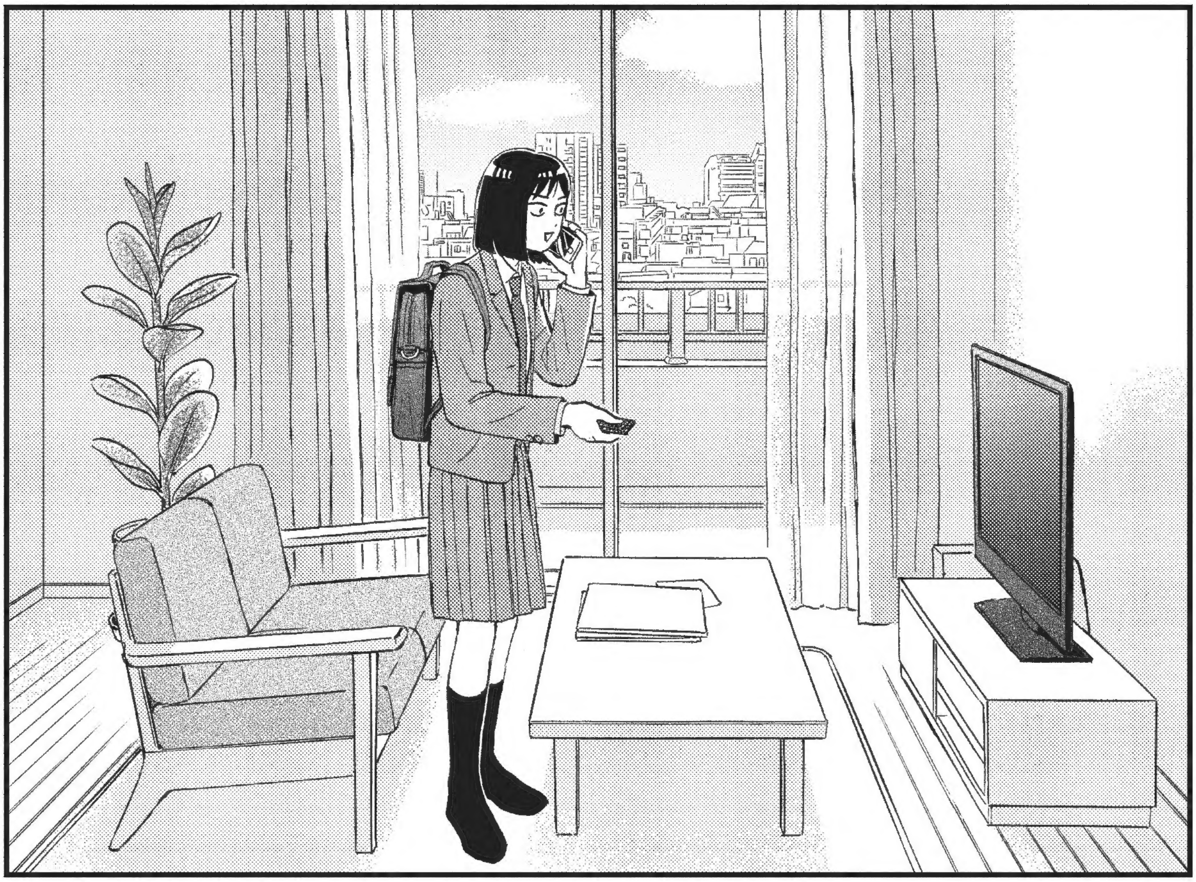

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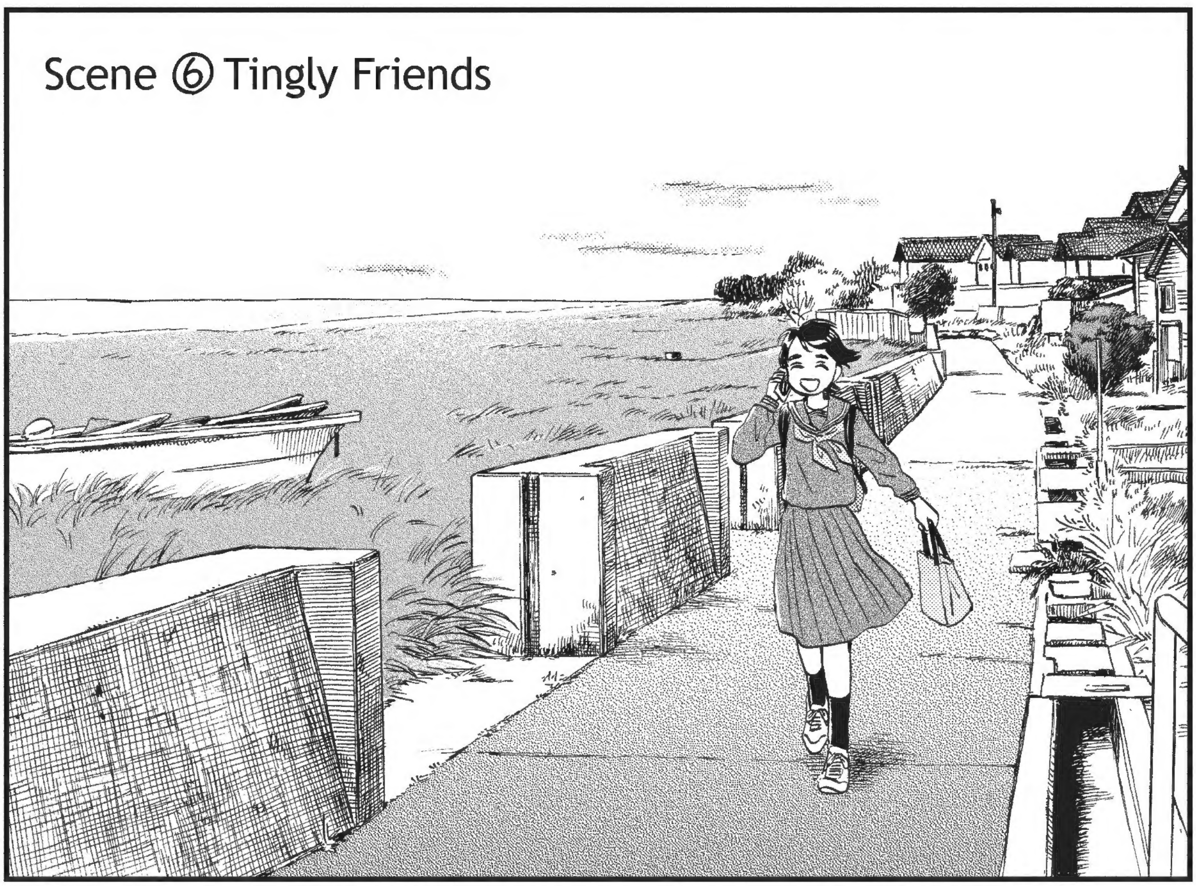


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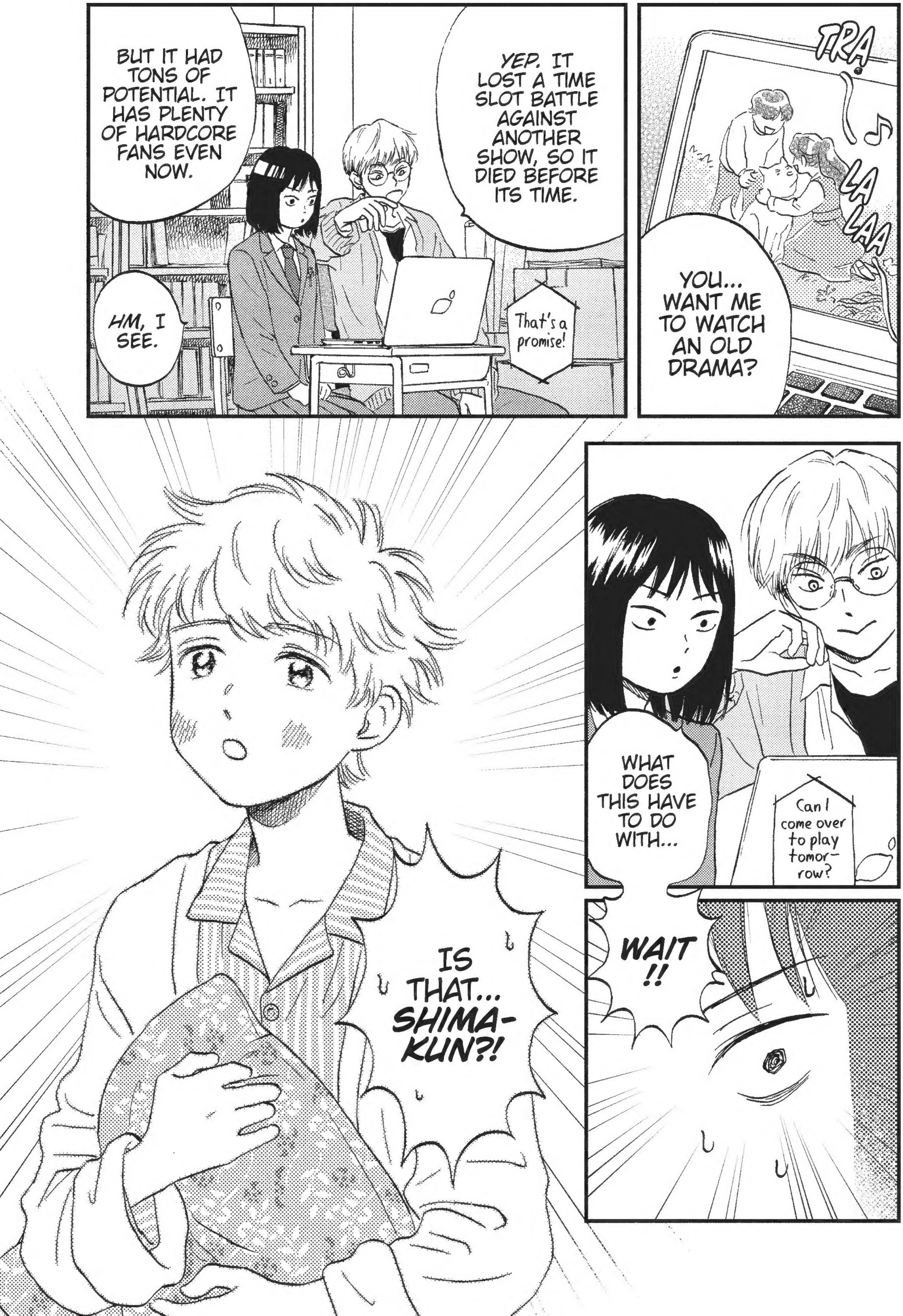



Scene ⑥ Tingly Friends


CHIRP
チチ…
CHIRP…
IT FEELS SO NICE WHEN YOU CAN LEAVE FOR SCHOOL A LITTLE EARLY.
We have a quiz in English, so I'll take one last look over my notes.
Oh, I know! I'll give fresh water to the flowers Satou-san brought, too.
Mmm, yep! An excellent start to a decidedly wonderful day!
OH!
HEY THERE, IWAKURA-SAN!
OH, IT'S KANE-CHIKA-SENPAI.


BOW
Just the person I was looking for.
HEY, I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING. THAT GUY IN YOUR CLASS--
I'M SO SORRY!
"CAPTI-VATING!"
WHEN DID I SAY ALL THAT?
DING!
NGH...
I'M FLATTERED THAT YOU THINK I COULD BE A BRILLIANT STAR WHO SHINES IN PEOPLE'S MEMORIES...
BUT I'M AFRAID MY TRUE CALLING LIES OUTSIDE YOUR ACTING CLUB.


STILL, WITHOUT YOU IN OUR CLUB, OUR FUTURE IS BLEAK INDEED.
OH, I SEE.
THE STAGE WILL MISS YOUR LIGHT, BUT I HOPE YOUR OWN FUTURE SHINES JUST AS BRIGHTLY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I'D BE HAPPY TO HELP ANY WAY I CAN!
YOU WOULD? GREEEAT!
YIKES, THAT WAS TOO EASY. I'M A BIT WORRIED.
YOU CAN HELP ME RIGHT NOW BY WATCHING THIS VIDEO.
CLIK


BUT IT HAD TONS OF POTENTIAL. IT HAS PLENTY OF HARDCORE FANS EVEN NOW.
YEP. IT LOST A TIME SLOT BATTLE AGAINST ANOTHER SHOW, SO IT DIED BEFORE ITS TIME.
HM, I SEE.
That's a promise!
TRA LA LAA
YOU... WANT ME TO WATCH AN OLD DRAMA?
WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH...
Can I come over to play tomor-row?
WAIT!!
IS THAT... SHIMA-KUN?!

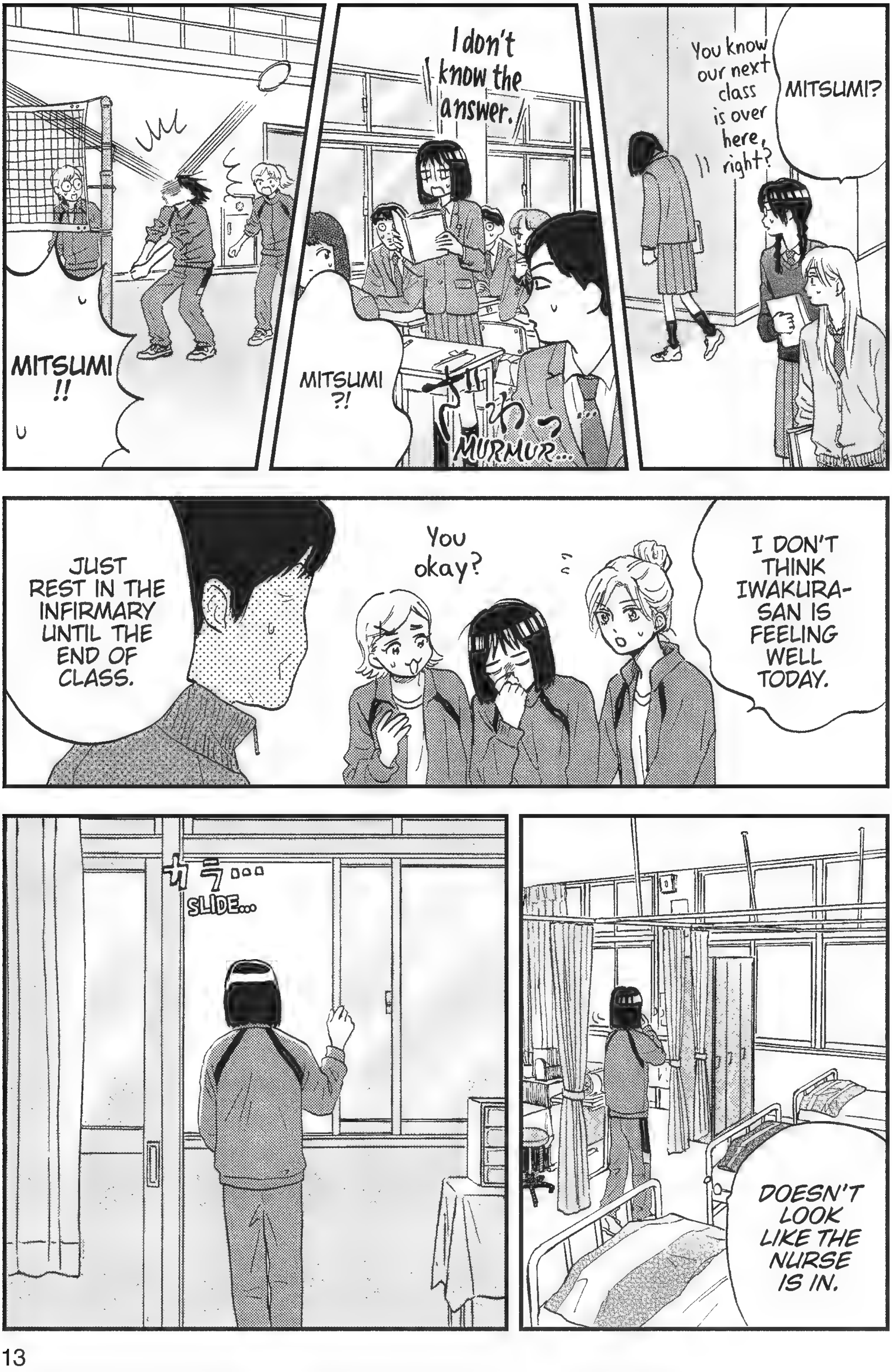

YOU NOTICED, HUH?
HE PLAYED KANADE-KUN, THE MAIN CHARACTER'S BEST FRIEND.
"He was really, really cute!
Almost angelic, really.
HE APPEARED IN MOST EPISODES, AND... *ER*, ARE YOU STILL LISTENING?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HIS ACTING?
I'M...NO EXPERT, BUT I THINK...
IT'S... GOOD?
Why did Mama leave us?
HE *IS* GOOD.
EXPRESSING THAT RANGE OF EMOTIONS AT THAT AGE IS REMARKABLE ENOUGH, BUT HE GRASPS THE CONTEXT OF THE SCENE.
HE'S SMART.


IWAKURA-SAN... NO, MITSUMI-KUN!
CLASP
WON'T YOU HELP ME CONVINCE SHIMA-KUN TO JOIN THE ACTING CLUB?!
WHAAAAAAT?!
I'M NOT... SURE ABOUT THAT...
Too close!
YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH HIM, AREN'T YOU?!
HELP ME, MITSUMI-KUN! YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE!
No!
EVEN IF HE REFUSES, I NEED TO KNOW WHY!
SURELY HE'D TELL HIS *FRIEND* IF SHE ASKED!
YOU'LL DO THAT FOR ME, WON'T YOU?!


MORNING, IWAKURA-SAN!
Satou-san's flowers.
YOU'RE A LITTLE LATE TODAY, HUH?
MY... MORNING...
HEY, MITSUMI-CHAN.
GOOD MORNING, SHIMA-KUN.
And Mukai-kun.
JUST A WHILE AGO, I...
......
?


I SAW TERADA-SENSEI DOING SQUATS IN THE COURTYARD!
WE SHOULD ALL STRIVE TO BE LIKE THAT!
YOU KNOW, I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO.
He was in a TV show, right?
IF I WERE HIM, I'D HAVE BRAGGED ABOUT THAT AT THE SELF-INTRO.
Wait, wait.
But since he didn't...
he must not want anyone to know.


Eeek
HEH HEH...
If I brought it up...
I SAW YOUR LI'L SHOW.
WHAT'S KEEPIN' YOU OUTTA THE DRAMA CLUB, HUH?
TACTLESS WOULDN'T BEGIN TO DESCRIBE IT!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
OKAY, PASS YOUR QUIZZES FOR-WARD!
Oh!
Oh no!
English quiz.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE GET SO DEPRESSED OVER A QUIZ.
Me neither.


MITSUMI
!!
I don't know the answer.
MITSUMI
?!
MURMUR...
MITSUMI?
You know our next class is over here, right?
I DON'T THINK IWAKURA-SAN IS FEELING WELL TODAY.
You okay?
JUST REST IN THE INFIRMARY UNTIL THE END OF CLASS.
カラ...
SLIDE...
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE NURSE IS IN.

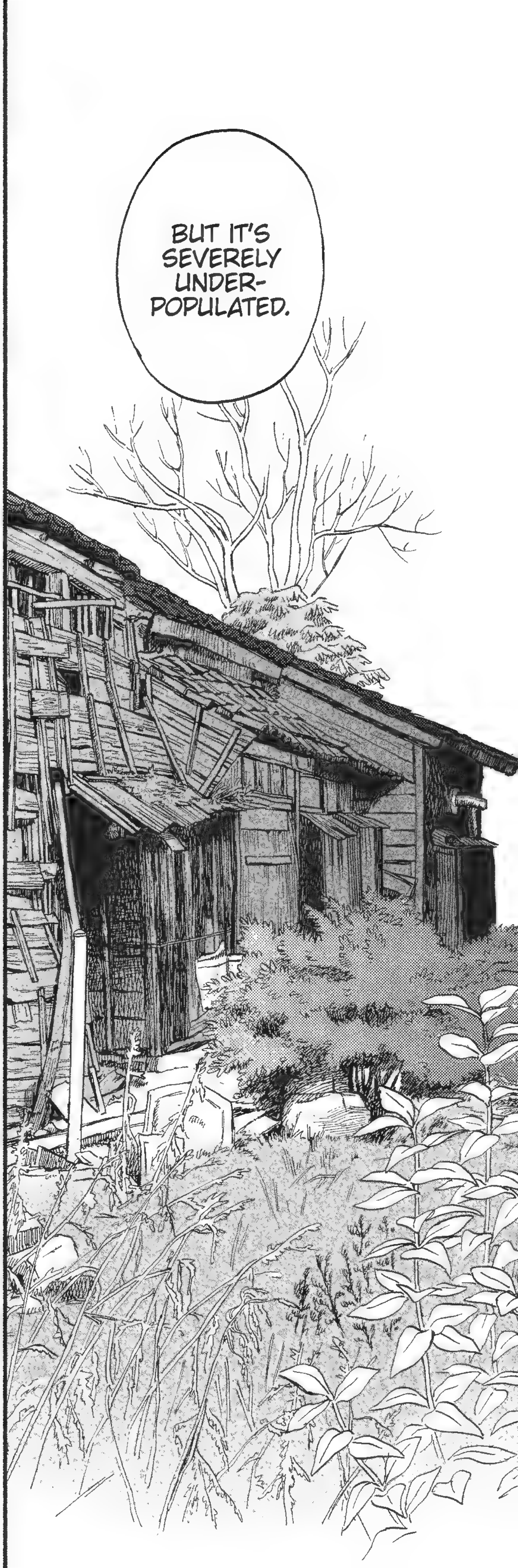

SNIFF
I'M HOPE-LESS...
I'M SO FIXATED ON THIS, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE RIGHT.
BOO!
WHOA!
YOU SCARED ME! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HA HA HA!
Woo!
Yeah!
THE BOYS ARE PLAYING SOCCER OVER THERE.
I WAS GONNA GRAB SOME WATER WHEN I SAW YOU.


カララ
RATTLE
SO, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
I GOT BEANED IN THE FACE BY A VOLLEY-BALL.
OW. YOU ALL RIGHT?
OH... IS THIS A GOOD TIME TO ASK HIM?
I-I'M FINE! THE NOSE-BLEED STOPPED FAST.
IF I BRING IT UP CASUALLY, I MEAN.
SHIMA-KUN...
DID YOU WATCH THAT TV SHOW YESTER-DAY?
NOPE.
WAS IT GOOD?
Ha ha!
I DIDN'T SEE IT, EITHER.
......


YOU'RE ACTING FUNNY TODAY.
EVERY-THING OKAY?
I'M SORRY! THE TRUTH IS...
UH-HUH. I SEE.


HEH HEH...
SENPAI PUT YOU UP TO THAT, HUH?
OH! BUT...
PLEASE DON'T BE TOO UPSET WITH HIM!
I won't tell anyone, either!
I *DID* THINK HE WAS BEING A LITTLE PUSHY...
BUT KANECHIKA-SENPAI IS JUST TRYING TO PROTECT HIS CLUB.
......
EH, WHATEVER.
THE TRUTH WAS GONNA GET OUT EVENTUALLY.
MUKAI'S BEEN MY FRIEND SINCE JUNIOR HIGH, SO EVEN HE KNOWS.
OH?


WITH APOLOGIES TO SENPAI, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ACTING ANYMORE.
WHEN I WAS A KID, I THREW MYSELF INTO IT, BUT NOT BECAUSE IT WAS FUN.
IT MADE MY MOM HAPPY.
YOUR SELF-INTRO WAS A GAG, RIGHT?
That thing about deserving to be at the top.
COME OOON! FORGET ABOUT THAT ALREADY!
SINCE WE'RE SHARING SECRETS, HOW ABOUT YOU?
WHY'D YOU WANT TO BECOME A POLITICIAN SO BADLY?
Well, um...
I LOVE MY HOME-TOWN. IT HAS BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS, OCEAN VIEWS...


BUT IT'S SEVERELY UNDER-POPULATED.


I COULD HAVE STAYED THERE TO HELP, SURE. BUT JAPAN IS FULL OF PLACES LIKE THAT.
BY WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT, I COULD TACKLE THE PROBLEM AT ITS CORE.
HA HA!
AFTER ALL, I'M THE YOUNG PRODIGY MIRACU-LOUSLY BORN INTO A TINY HAMLET!


YOU DON'T HAVE TO LAUGH IT OFF.
I THINK THAT'S A GREAT GOAL.
UMM...
THANK YOU.
I'LL DO MY BEST.
COOL.
YOU AND KANECHIKA-SENPAI ARE BOTH SOMETHING ELSE, MITSUMI-CHAN.
Uh...
OH, I'M REALLY JUST IN IT FOR MYSELF.


STATING YOUR GOALS MEANS PEOPLE HAVE EXPECTATIONS FOR YOU, RIGHT?
THAT WAS TOO MUCH FOR ME TO BEAR.
PATHETIC AS THAT MAKES ME.

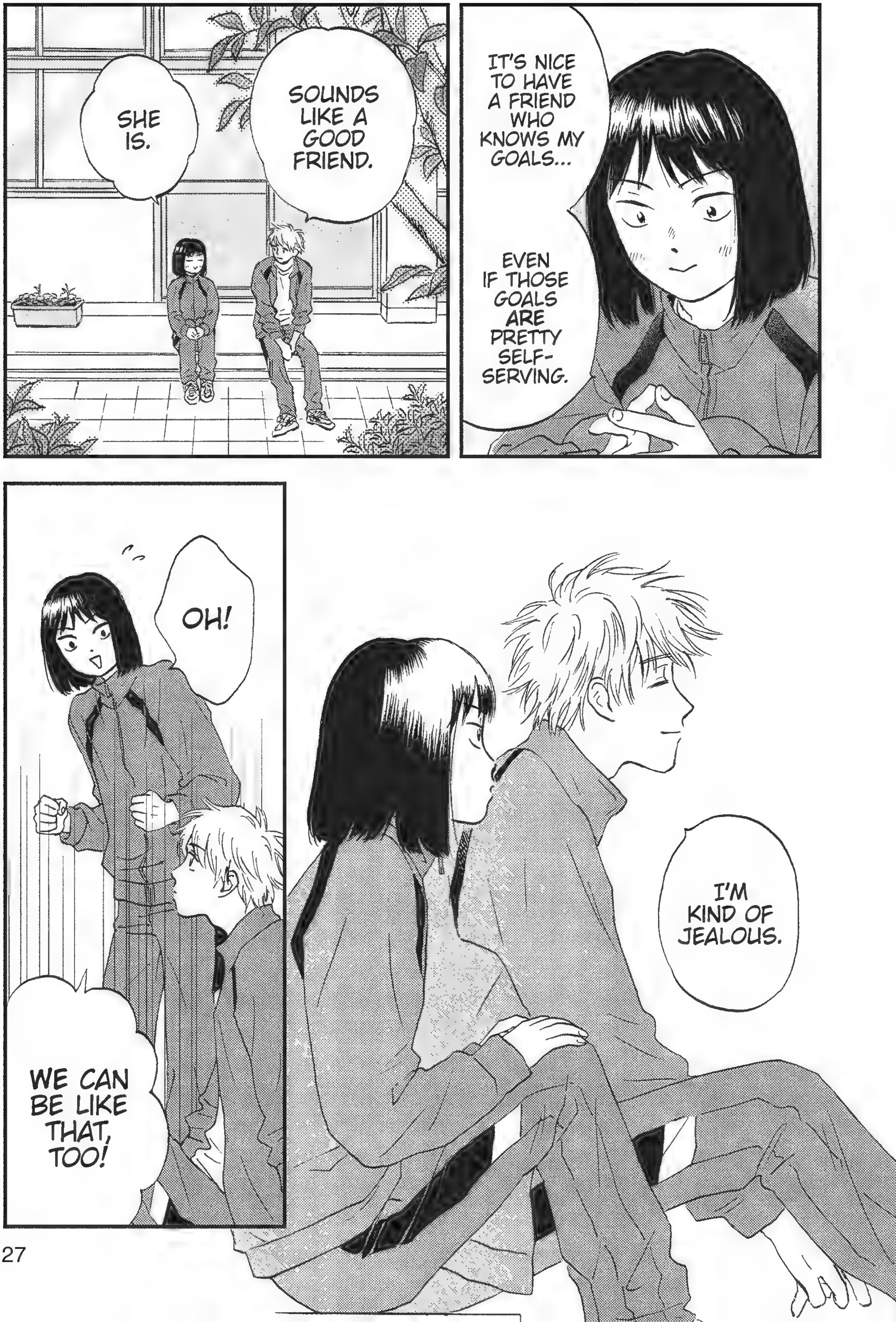

SOMETIMES IT GETS TO ME, TOO! I GET THE SHAKES AND EVERY-THING!
NO WAY.
YES WAY!
WHEN I FAILED MY EXAMS, I COULDN'T EVEN EAT!
I COULD NEVER HAVE MADE IT THIS FAR IF NOT FOR FUMI.
Oh!
FUMI?
SHE'S MY BEST FRIEND. WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE KIDS.
RATTLE
GOOD EVENING~!


LET'S GO OUT FOR GYOZA.
C'MON, MITSUMI-CHAN.
NO.
WHY WASTE TIME EATING WHEN I COULD GRIND VOCAB?
Yeah, yeah.
OH, YOU'LL BE FIIINE.
DAD'S GOT THE CAR OUT FRONT. HURRY UP AND GET IN!
BRMMM
THANKS FOR WAITING!
ALL RIIIGHT! HERE IT IS!


ONCE YOU'RE FINISHED WITH EXAMS...
I'LL DIVVY UP THE FRIED RICE.
......
LET'S COME BACK HERE FOR GYOZA.
WHETHER YOU PASS OR FAIL.
BUT IT'LL MEAN A LOT TO *YOU* FOR TACKLING 'EM HEAD-ON.
MAYBE NOT FROM A SOCIAL STAND-POINT.
A FAILING GRADE SHOULDN'T BE REWARDED.
Ha ha ha!


I KNOW THAT BETTER THAN MOST.


*A cup, a cup, and one more cup.
Drunk, I'd sleep; you go.
Tomorrow, come again: Do bring your lute.
一杯一杯復一杯
我醉欲眠卿且去
明朝有意抱琴來
YUM.
Ish hot!
with
Pork
Combo
750円


SHE IS.
SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD FRIEND.
IT'S NICE TO HAVE A FRIEND WHO KNOWS MY GOALS...
EVEN IF THOSE GOALS ARE PRETTY SELF-SERVING.
I'M KIND OF JEALOUS.
OH!
WE CAN BE LIKE THAT, TOO!


IF YOU EVER FIND A GOAL TO STRIVE FOR, SHIMA-KUN...
THEN, PASS OR FAIL, WE'LL GO OUT TO EAT WHER-EVER YOU WANT!
THAT'S A PROMISE.


PROMISE.
HE'S NOT GOING TO JOIN YOUR CLUB.
AWWW, REALLY?
YES, REALLY. THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS.
WELL, WHY *NOOOT?* YOU ASKED, RIGHT?
I DID, BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU ANY MORE.
A GOOD FRIEND WOULDN'T DO THAT.
GUH!


Tell him he's welcome if he ever changes his mind!
Friends... Shima-kun and I are friends. But...
"THAT'S A PROMISE."
?
もみ RUB
もみ RUB
For some reason, my pinky feels all tingly.

Scene ⑰ Packed Schedules




HI, EVERY-ONE.
LONG TIME NO SEE!
HEY, MITSUMI.
Long time no...what?
HEYA, LONG TIME NO SEE~!
THAT'S THE FACE OF SOMEONE WHO MADE THE MOST OF GOLDEN WEEK.
Ha ha!
CAN YOU TELL?
HUH? SHE LOOKS DIFFER-ENT?
MY AUNT SHOWED ME THE SIGHTS OF TOKYO.
Asakusa
Kaminarimon
Shinjuku
Omotesando
She helped me pick out some new clothes, too.
OH, RIGHT. YOU'RE STILL NEW TO TOKYO!
Thank good-ness for that.


HOW DID YOU ALL SPEND YOUR VACATION?
I SPENT IT STUDYING FOR MID-SEMESTER EXAMS.
SAME HERE.
YOU... WHAT?
YOU'RE ALREADY DOING THAT...?
NOT ME. HECK NO!
YOUR EX-PAT PRIVILEGE IS SHOWING.
Must be nice not having to study English.
With that attitude, don't expect me to help you.
HUUUH??
YOU'VE LIVED OUTSIDE OF JAPAN, YUZU-CHAN?!
Whoa, cool!
ONLY UNTIL THIRD GRADE.
I STILL HAVE TO MEMORIZE VOCAB LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
Look who's from Planet Fancy-pants.


A LOT OF STUDENTS HERE HAVE LIVED ABROAD.
WHAT, REALLY?
YES, TWO OR THREE PER CLASS, I HEAR.
.............!!
Hanazono Sakura
Class 1-3 Homeroom Teacher
I USED TO THINK I WAS A DISCIPLINED PERSON.
BUT SINCE I ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL, I'VE LET MYSELF SLIP TOO MUCH...
AND NOW I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO DO.
......
LET'S SEE. SHE HAD THE HIGHEST SCORE ON THE ENTRANCE EXAMS AND DIDN'T NEED CRAM SCHOOL?
SHE WAS IN THE TOP TWENTY ON THAT LAST TEST, TOO.
WITH RESULTS LIKE THOSE, WHY IS SHE SO WORRIED?
STILL, NOTHING WRONG WITH STAYING ON YOUR TOES, I GUESS.
UUUGH. SHE'S SO UPTIGHT.

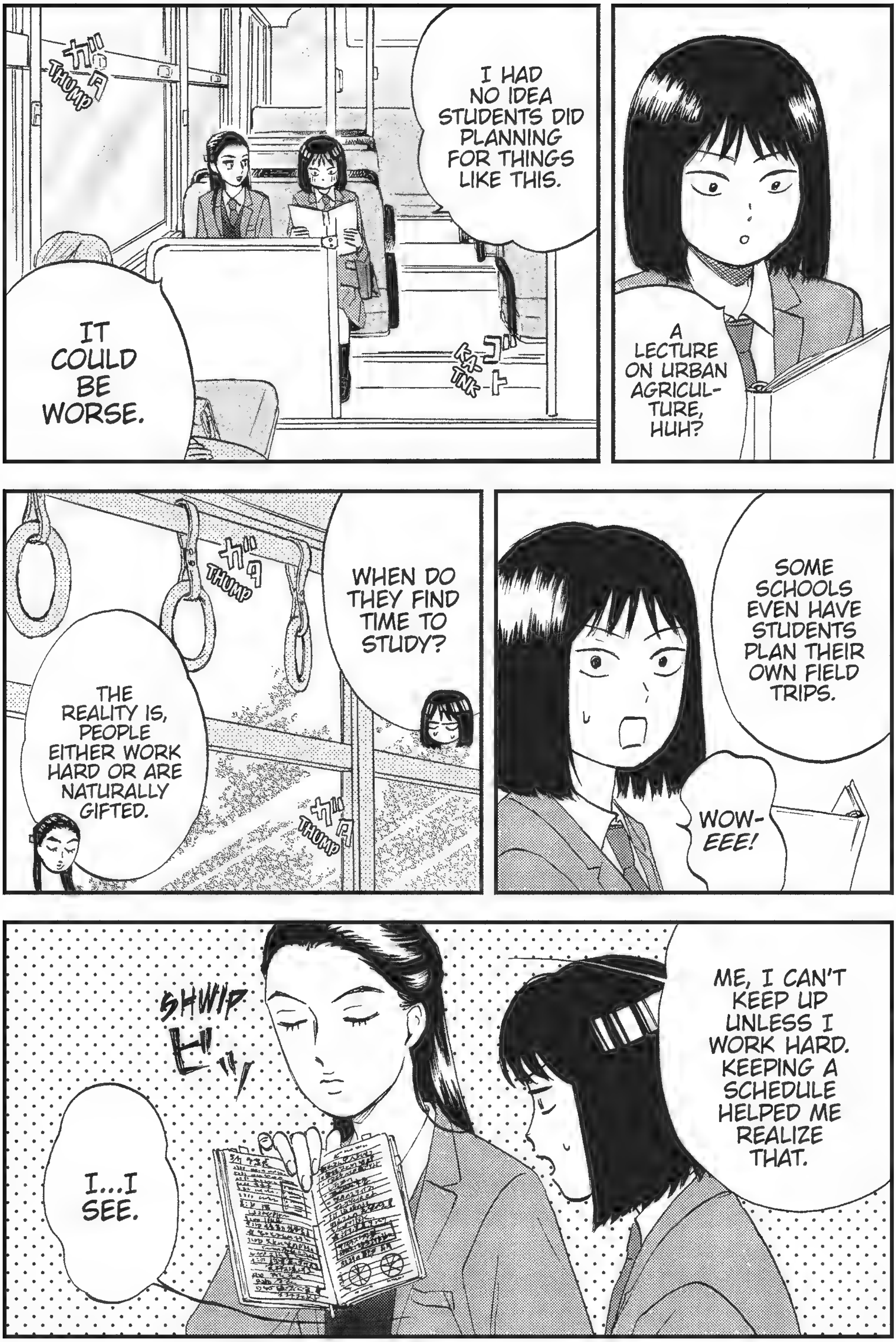


THEN DO I HAVE A SHINING EXAMPLE OF DISCIPLINE FOR YOU!
OH!
YOU'RE IN THE TSUBAME SOCIETY, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT.
I DON'T SEE WHY OUR BUDGET NEEDS TO BE SLASHED!
YOU KNOW WE TAKE OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES SERIOUSLY!
FWIP
NO, THIS WON'T DO.
MANY CLUBS TAKE THEIR ACTIVITIES SERIOUSLY, AND THEY'VE ALSO REQUESTED BUDGET INCREASES.
AFTER LAUNCHING AN INVESTIGATION, WE DISCOVERED CLUBS WITH A CULTURAL LEANING WERE CHRONICALLY UNDERFUNDED. WE HAVE RECTIFIED THAT MISTAKE.
NNRGH~!
AS THE SOCCER TEAM'S FUTURE CAPTAIN, SEGAWA-SAN, IT WOULD BEHOOVE YOU TO BUDGET WISELY FROM NOW ON.
WE BARELY HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING AS IS!
Takamine Tokiko, second-year Student Council Treasurer


WE'RE DOING BETTER IN TOURNAMENTS! OUR RANKING'S GOING UP!
YOU'VE SHOWN NO EVIDENCE OF THAT.
AS I SAID, WE WILL CONSIDER ANY SUPPORTING EVIDENCE.
DO YOU HAVE IT OR NOT?
HRNNNGHHH!!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
A parting shot.
パチ CLAP
パチ CLAP
パチ CLAP
パチ CLAP
パチ CLAP
パチ CLAP...

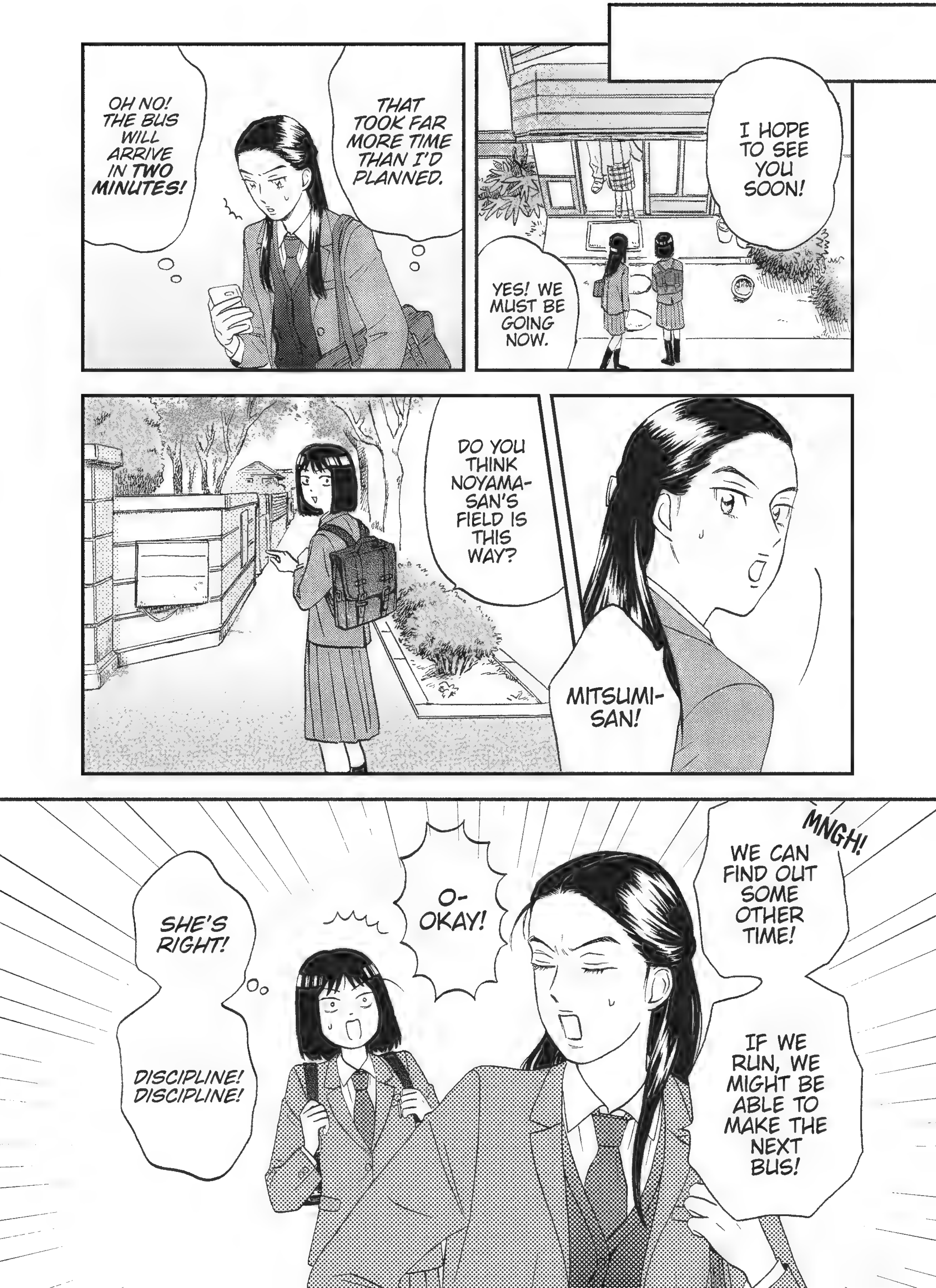

YOU CAME BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE THE OTHER DAY, DIDN'T YOU? *ER...*
IT'S IWAKURA... NO.
PLEASE CALL ME **MITSUMI**, SENPAI!
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO EXCISE THE...LAXER ASPECTS OF MY PERSONALITY.
HANAZONO-SENSEI TOLD ME NO ONE IN THIS SCHOOL'S AS DISCIPLINED AS YOU, TAKAMINE-SENPAI!
WOULD YOU PLEASE ALLOW ME TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL WORK?
SENSEI TOLD YOU THAT?
Well...
ゴホン
AHEM!
IF YOUR HEART'S SET ON IT, FAR BE IT FROM ME TO REFUSE.
THANK YOU, SENPAI!


TBH...
IF ANY TEACHER HERE IS A MASTER OF SLACKING OFF...
IT'S GOTTA BE HANAZONO-SENSEI.
TIKKA TAKKA
CHNK
CHNK
TAK
TAK
TAK
SHOOP
OKADA-SAN WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT NOYAMA-SAN'S FARM TODAY BUT CALLED OUT SICK. WE'LL BE STOPPING BY INSTEAD.
OKAY!
THIS VISIT IS TO GIVE THEM OUR REGARDS AND DROP OFF THIS PAPERWORK. LET'S GO, MITSUMI-SAN.
I WANT THE EXPRESS THAT LEAVES AT SIX PAST THE HOUR.
WHICH MEANS I SHOULD LEAVE... NOW.

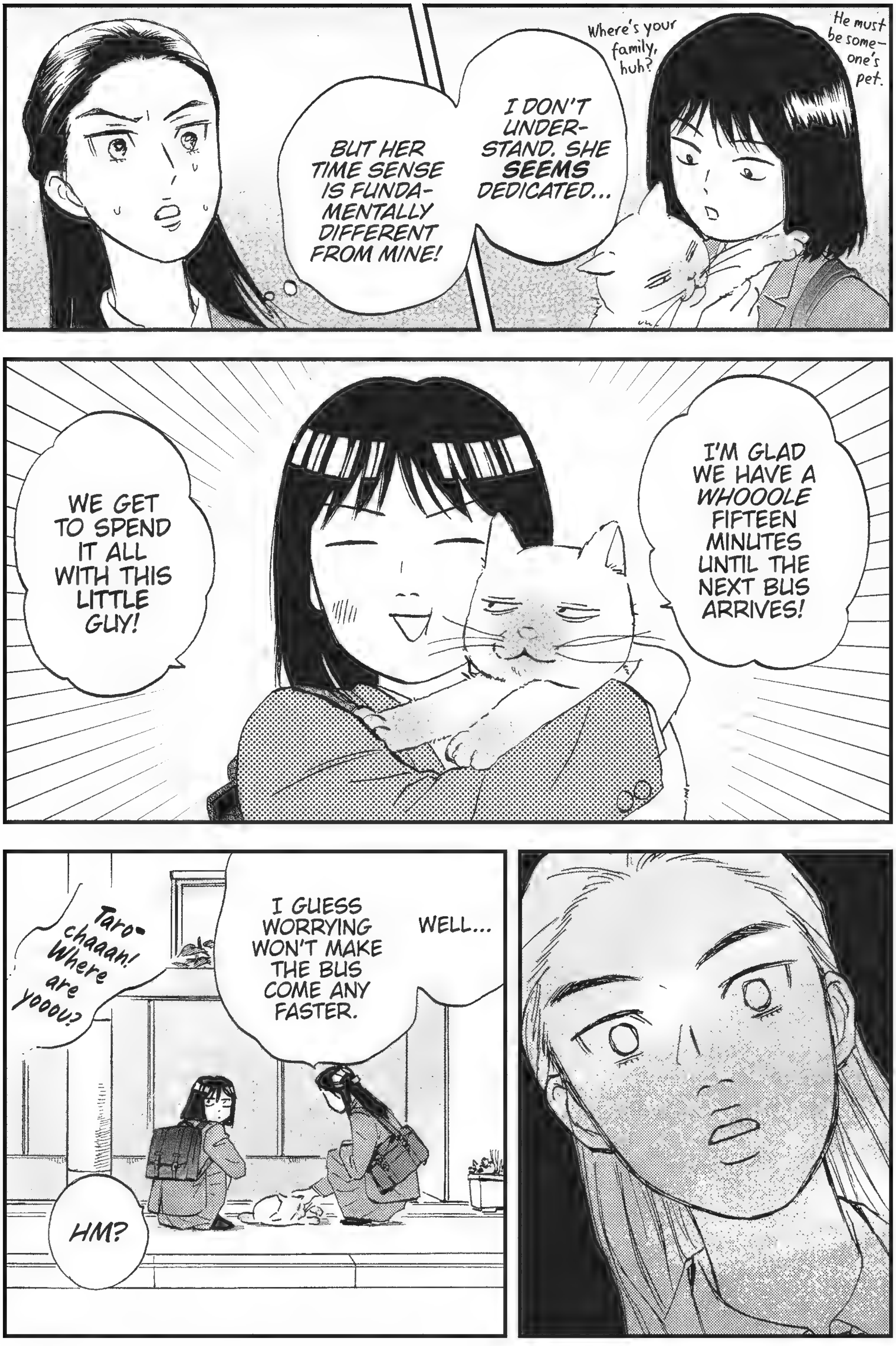

A LECTURE ON URBAN AGRICULTURE, HUH?
I HAD NO IDEA STUDENTS DID PLANNING FOR THINGS LIKE THIS.
THUMP
KA-TNK
IT COULD BE WORSE.
SOME SCHOOLS EVEN HAVE STUDENTS PLAN THEIR OWN FIELD TRIPS.
WOW-EEE!
WHEN DO THEY FIND TIME TO STUDY?
THUMP
THUMP
THE REALITY IS, PEOPLE EITHER WORK HARD OR ARE NATURALLY GIFTED.
ME, I CAN'T KEEP UP UNLESS I WORK HARD. KEEPING A SCHEDULE HELPED ME REALIZE THAT.
SHWIP
I...I SEE.


CONDUCTING OBJECTIVE SELF-ANALYSIS AND WORKING TIRELESS-LY...
YOU'RE SO COOL, SENPAI!
A-AM I?
I'LL LEAVE OUT THE DETAIL THAT ONCE A WEEK...
No! Don't leave meee!
ブィィ VROOM
I HAVE NIGHTMARES AND WAKE UP CRYING OVER A MISSED BUS OR TRAIN.
尊敬 RESPECT.
じーん... TOUCHED...
I THINK I'VE FINALLY FOUND A KINDRED SPIRIT.
I MUST PUT HER ON THE RIGHT PATH. AS HER SENPAI, IT'S MY DUTY!
OH! WANT A GUMDROP? I BOUGHT SOME FROM THE--


THERE IT IS, MITSUMI-SAN!
WHAT?
I'VE NOTICED YOU TEND TO SPACE OUT AT THE DROP OF A HAT.
I-I DO?
Me? Space out?
DID YOU BRING ANY SCHOOL-WORK WITH YOU?
YES.
GOOD! DON'T LET A MOMENT GO TO WASTE--EVEN WHILE TRAVELING!
MAKE THE MOST OF EACH SECOND IN EVERY MINUTE.
THAT WAY, YOU'LL HAVE NO REGRETS!
YES, SENPAI!
BRM
No regrets!

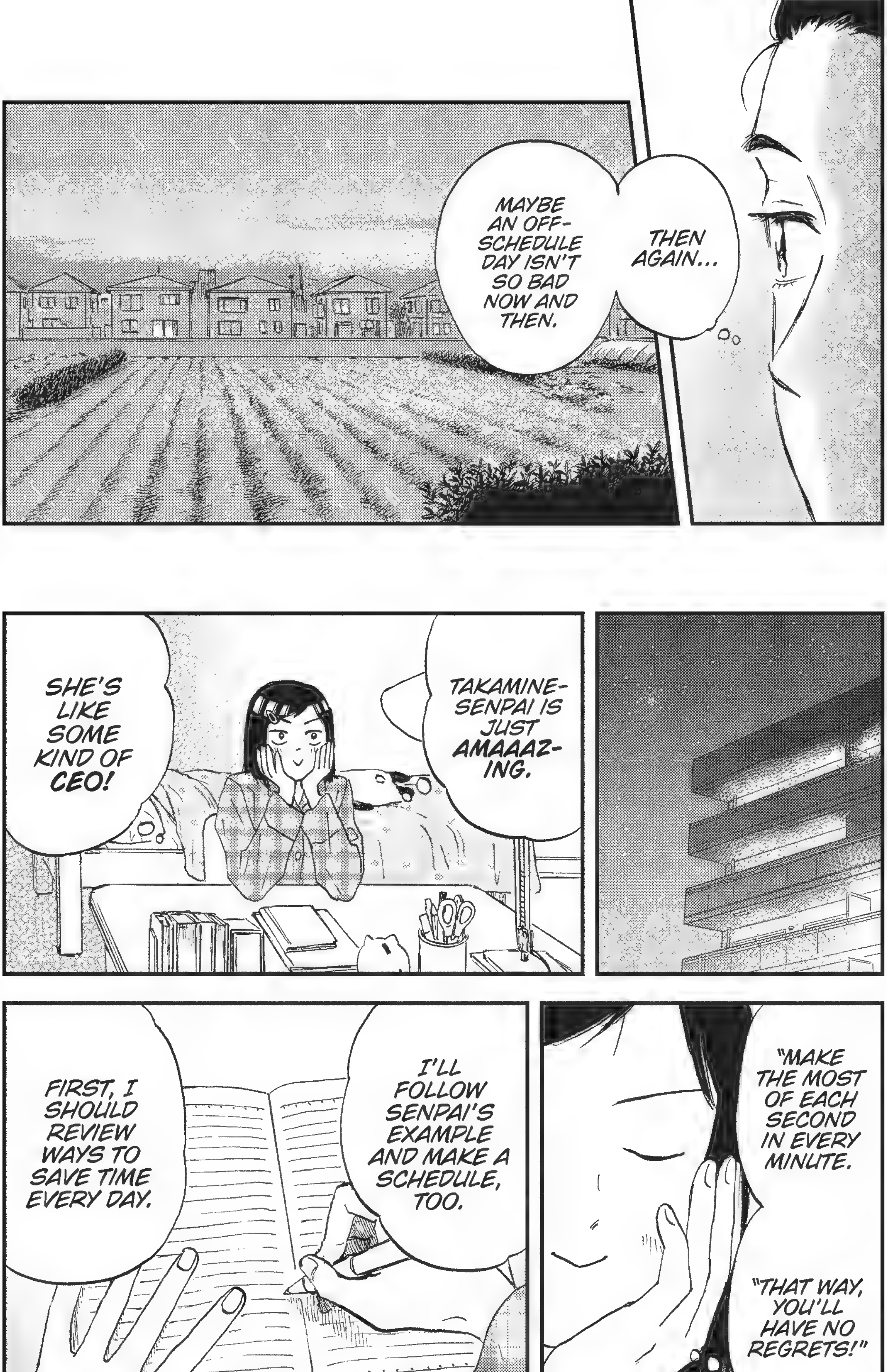

I HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!
YES! WE MUST BE GOING NOW.
THAT TOOK FAR MORE TIME THAN I'D PLANNED.
OH NO! THE BUS WILL ARRIVE IN **TWO MINUTES!**
MITSUMI-SAN!
DO YOU THINK NOYAMA-SAN'S FIELD IS THIS WAY?
MNGH!
WE CAN FIND OUT SOME OTHER TIME!
IF WE RUN, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE NEXT BUS!
O-OKAY!
SHE'S RIGHT!
DISCIPLINE! DISCIPLINE!


THE NEXT BUS WON'T BE HERE FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES.
BRMMM...
NOOO...!
SENPAI!
IF WE'D KEPT TO THE SCHEDULE, I'D BE BOOK-SHOPPING IN SHIBUYA.
GRIT
GRIT
UUUGH... MY STOMACH HURTS!
GRIT
Eek!
WH- WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?!
HE WAS JUST HANGING OUT OVER THERE.


He must be some-one's pet.
Where's your family, huh?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND. SHE SEEMS DEDICATED...
BUT HER TIME SENSE IS FUNDA-MENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM MINE!
I'M GLAD WE HAVE A WHOOOLE FIFTEEN MINUTES UNTIL THE NEXT BUS ARRIVES!
WE GET TO SPEND IT ALL WITH THIS LITTLE GUY!
WELL...
I GUESS WORRYING WON'T MAKE THE BUS COME ANY FASTER.
Taro-chaaan! Where are yooou?
HM?


THANK YOU SO MUCH! THE LITTLE RASCAL SLIPPED OUT THE FRONT DOOR.
And we get so much traffic around here!
HAPPY TO HELP.
THUMP
KA-TNK
A SIXTY-THREE MINUTE LOSS...
OOM
GL
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SALVAGE PART OF MY SCHEDULE BY STUDYING GEOGRAPHY.
LET'S SEE... SOUTHEAST ASIAN PRECIPITATION AND--
WOW! LOOK, SENPAI!
WHAT?!


I DIDN'T KNOW TOKYO EVEN HAD THIS KIND OF SCENERY.
......
OH!
Revised Edition
Geography B
I'M SORRY-- I SPACED OUT AGAIN!
I'LL MEMORIZE SOME VOCAB.


THEN AGAIN...
MAYBE AN OFF-SCHEDULE DAY ISN'T SO BAD NOW AND THEN.
TAKAMINE-SENPAI IS JUST AMAAAZING.
SHE'S LIKE SOME KIND OF CEO!
"MAKE THE MOST OF EACH SECOND IN EVERY MINUTE.
"THAT WAY, YOU'LL HAVE NO REGRETS!"
I'LL FOLLOW SENPAI'S EXAMPLE AND MAKE A SCHEDULE, TOO.
FIRST, I SHOULD REVIEW WAYS TO SAVE TIME EVERY DAY.


INVITATIONS TO HANG OUT... SHOULD I TURN DOWN ONE IN THREE?
HRRRM... IT DEPENDS. COULD I SHAVE OFF TIME FROM OTHER THINGS?
It's not like I get asked out...
all the time, right?
I SHOULD ALSO USE BREAK TIME BETWEEN CLASSES FOR STUDY.
ASKING MY FRIENDS AND SENSEI FOR HELP WILL IMPROVE MY COMMUNICATION!
PICK OUT CONVENIENCE STORE STUFF IN UNDER THREE MINUTES!
THAT DECISION-MAKING ABILITY WILL BE HELPFUL IN POLITICS.
I wouldn't be here if I hadn't spent time with Fumi.
But am I just saying that because I did get accepted to this school?
My phone calls home tend to run pretty long.
Yaaay~~!
But they worry about me so much. I can't call that wasted time.
The family bought a tablet for video chats.
UMMM...
WHAT DOES HAVING NO REGRETS EVEN MEAN?!


Mmh... Mmmh...!
BRRRMMM...
ブロロ...
WAIT!
DON'T LEAVE ME!
RUB
スリ
MYA!
......
ぐすっ
SNIFFLE
ナデ...
SKRITCH


HUP
スクッ
OH!
ブロロ
BRRMM


CHIRP
CHIRP...
OH.
GOOD MORNING, SHIMA-KUN.
HEY...
WHAT'S WITH THE BAGS UNDER YOUR EYES?
THEY'RE THAT BAD, HUH?
I WAS UP LATE COMING UP WITH A DAILY SCHEDULE...
YAWN
A SCHEDULE, HUH?
I WANTED TO PUT MY OWN SPIN ON TAKAMINE-SENPAI'S METHODS.
CRAMMED...
WOOOW... OW, OW, OW.


TAKAMINE-SENPAI!
OH!
I'M JUST STARTING OUT. IT'LL GET EASIER.
Urk...
IS THERE ANY ROOM HERE FOR SLEEP?
GOOD MOOORNING!
!!
UM, SENPAI?
Ahem!
I'M SORRY.
GOOD MORNING, MITSUMI-SAN. AND TO YOU, SHIMA-KUN.


THANKS FOR LETTING ME SHADOW YOU YESTERDAY! I TOOK A LOT FROM YOUR EXAMPLE!
RIGHT. ABOUT THAT...
SHOCK
COULD I ASK YOU NOT TO USE ME AS AN EXAMPLE?
HUH?!
I WAS TOO ASHAMED TO BRING IT UP...
BUT I FAILED MY JUNIOR HIGH ENTRANCE EXAMS.
SOMETIMES I WONDER WHERE I'D BE NOW IF I HADN'T.
BUT ALL IN ALL, I'M HAPPY WITH WHERE I'VE ENDED UP.


YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT TIME WAS PUT TO THE BEST USE UNTIL MUCH LATER IN LIFE.
I THINK, IN THE END, THE KEY IS DECIDING HOW TO SPEND TIME FOR YOUR-SELF.
TAKA-MINE!
I BROUGHT YOUR STUPID DOCUMEN-TATION!
Yeah, right here!
I'VE GOT EVERYTHING YOU COULD EVER WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE SOCCER CLUB!


THIS SEEMS IN ORDER.
I'LL REVIEW IT TODAY AND TAKE IT UNDER CONSIDERATION.
I'D LOVE TO HEAR YOU COMPLAIN NOW!
YOU SURE?
I psyched myself up for nothing...
HM? YES.
HUNH.
I'LL GET BACK TO YOU TOMORROW OR THE DAY AFTER. OKAY?
IT LOOKS VERY WELL ORGANIZED.
DID YOU DO THIS YOURSELF, SEGAWA-SAN?
YEAH, I DID! SO WHAT?!
Huh?


Hey!
Don't just smile at me all of a sudden, you jerk!
You okay, dude?!
HE MUST BE A MORNING PERSON.
ANYWAY, GOODBYE.
I HOPE TO SEE YOU TWO BACK IN THE OFFICE SOMETIME.
TAKAMINE-SENPAI REALLY IS SOMETHING ELSE.
YEAH. SHE'S COOL.
BUT YOU HEARD WHAT SHE SAID, MITSUMI-CHAN.
MAYBE YOU'RE BETTER OFF COMING UP WITH YOUR OWN PLAN.
Urk...
I THINK I'LL TRY MY SCHEDULE FOR A WHILE...
I'VE ALREADY PUT SO MUCH TIME INTO IT!


YEAH, BUT A PLAN YOU *KNOW* YOU CAN'T STICK TO? THAT'S THE DEFINITION OF A WASTE OF TIME.
HA HA HA!
WOW!
YOUR LOGIC IS SO COLD, SHIMA-KUN!
That dazzling smile makes it even worse.
HUH?!
OH NO! I'M SORRY! I WASN'T TRYING TO BE A JERK!
Buh buh...
HARSH... BUT TRUE.
There are plenty of things you're good at! Like, um...

Scene ⑦ END



Scene ⑧ Prickly Personal Practice


Hello, everyone back in Ikajima. I hope you're doing well.
Here in Tokyo, the weather's completely warmed up.
Most days, you don't even need a jacket!
With exams coming up, everyone at school has devoted themselves to studying.
As one would expect at a high-level Tokyo school, the students are competitive.
Every day, I'm motivated to keep up with them.


Competition
(May)
GIRLS
Kinomoto
Speaking of competition and hard work...
AND THAT TAKES CARE OF OUR COMPETING LINEUP!
WE DON'T HAVE EVENING CLASSES DURING EXAMS, BUT AFTER-SCHOOL PRACTICE IS PROHIBITED!
RIGHT. IF YOU WANT TO BRUSH UP, IT'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER EXAMS.
Motobayashi & Koshino
Class Match Committee
WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME, BUT LET'S DO OUR BEST AND HAVE FUN!
Good.
Good.
NOW, MAYBE THIS IS JUST ME...


PERK...
ピク...
BUT I THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO WIN THIS AS A CLASS.
YEAH... WE'LL HAVE A CLASS GOAL INSTEAD OF MICRO-FOCUSING ON EACH MATCH.
AND WE'LL NEED AN OUTLET FOR ALL THAT EXAM STRESS, TOO!
HECK YEAH. LET'S SHOW OUR SOLIDARITY!
YEAH!
わっ!
WE CAN START PRACTICING THE WEEK-END AFTER EXAMS!
DON'T SETTLE FOR LESS THAN THE GOLD!
LET'S DO THIS!

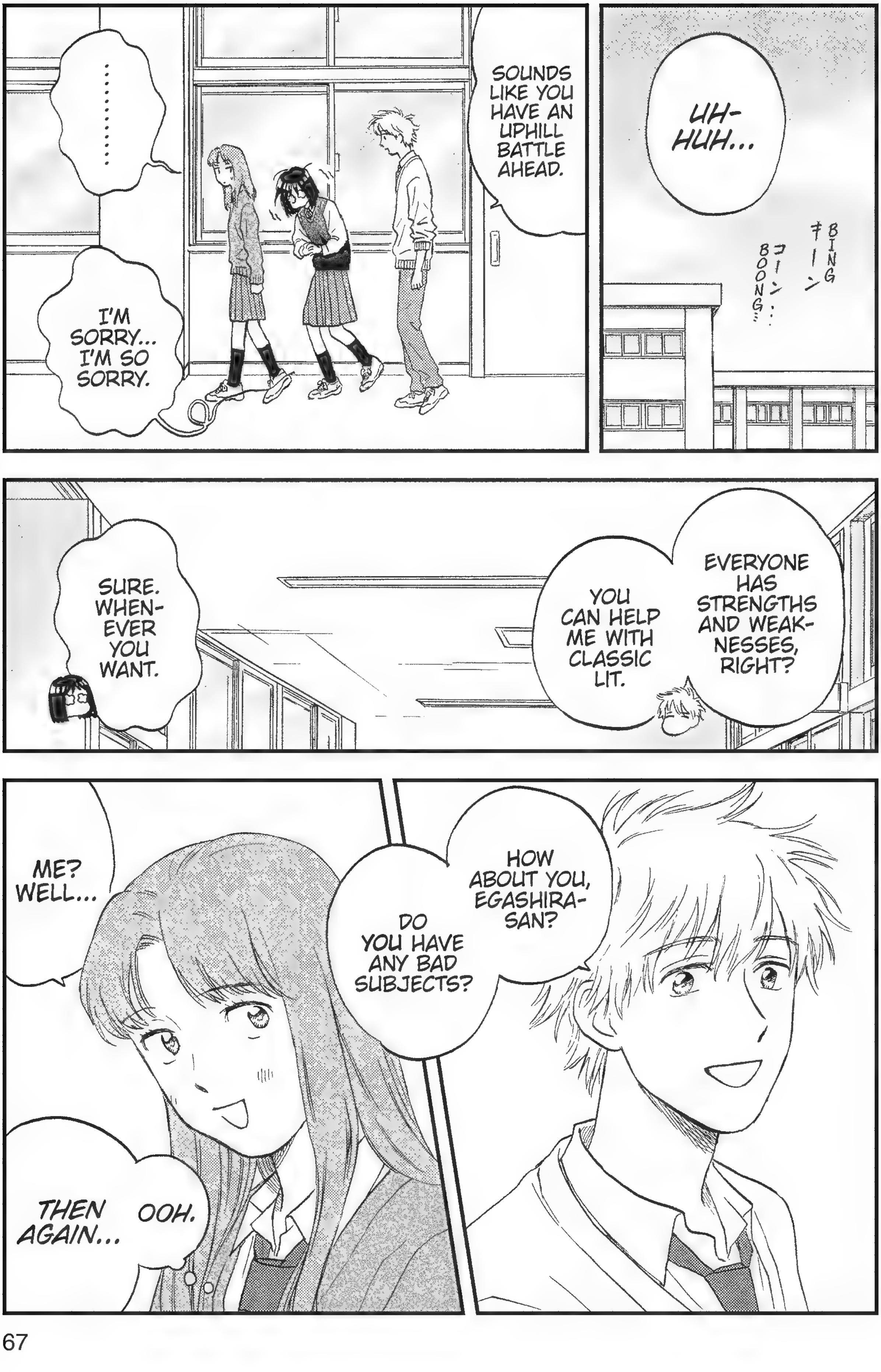


YAY!
YAY!
LET'S HAVE THE VETERANS STEP UP AND ASSEMBLE THEIR TEAMS, AND...
THEIR MOTIVATION... IS INCREDIBLY HIGH!!
?
ME? I'M PLAYING TABLE TENNIS.
SLURP
IF I MADE A MISTAKE IN SOME GROUP MATCH, I COULDN'T LIVE WITH MYSELF.
WHOLE MILK
I'M AMAZED YOU GUYS WENT FOR VOLLEYBALL.
MAKOC-CHAN?
GRIPE
GRIPE
WHAT'S THE **POINT** OF MAKING US COMPETE IN SUBJECTS THAT WON'T SHOW UP ON COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS? AS IF THEY'LL EVER KNOW THE INFERIORITY COMPLEX OF THE UNATHLETIC *HOI POLLOI*. IT'S ALL MACHISMO-DRIVEN MUMBO JUMBO.
GRIPE
YOU KNOW, WITHOUT SCHOOL SPORTS, PEOPLE LIKE YOU WOULD BE PRETTY UNHEALTHY.


BUT SECRETLY? I'M GLAD I'M NOT ALONE.
PESSIMISM? FROM *YOU*?
I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE.
THE TRUTH IS...I'M TERRIBLE AT SPORTS!
SPLAT
べしゃ
"UH-OH!"
UH-HUHHH.
I'VE KEPT IT CAREFULLY HIDDEN SO FAR...
BUT IF THE CLASS KNEW, IT WOULD DESTROY MORALE!
WHEEZE...
ぜぇ
Whew!
WHEEZE...
ぜぇ
Love to do (hh!) a quick, (hh!) easy jog!
She's so slow.
HMM, GOOD POINT.

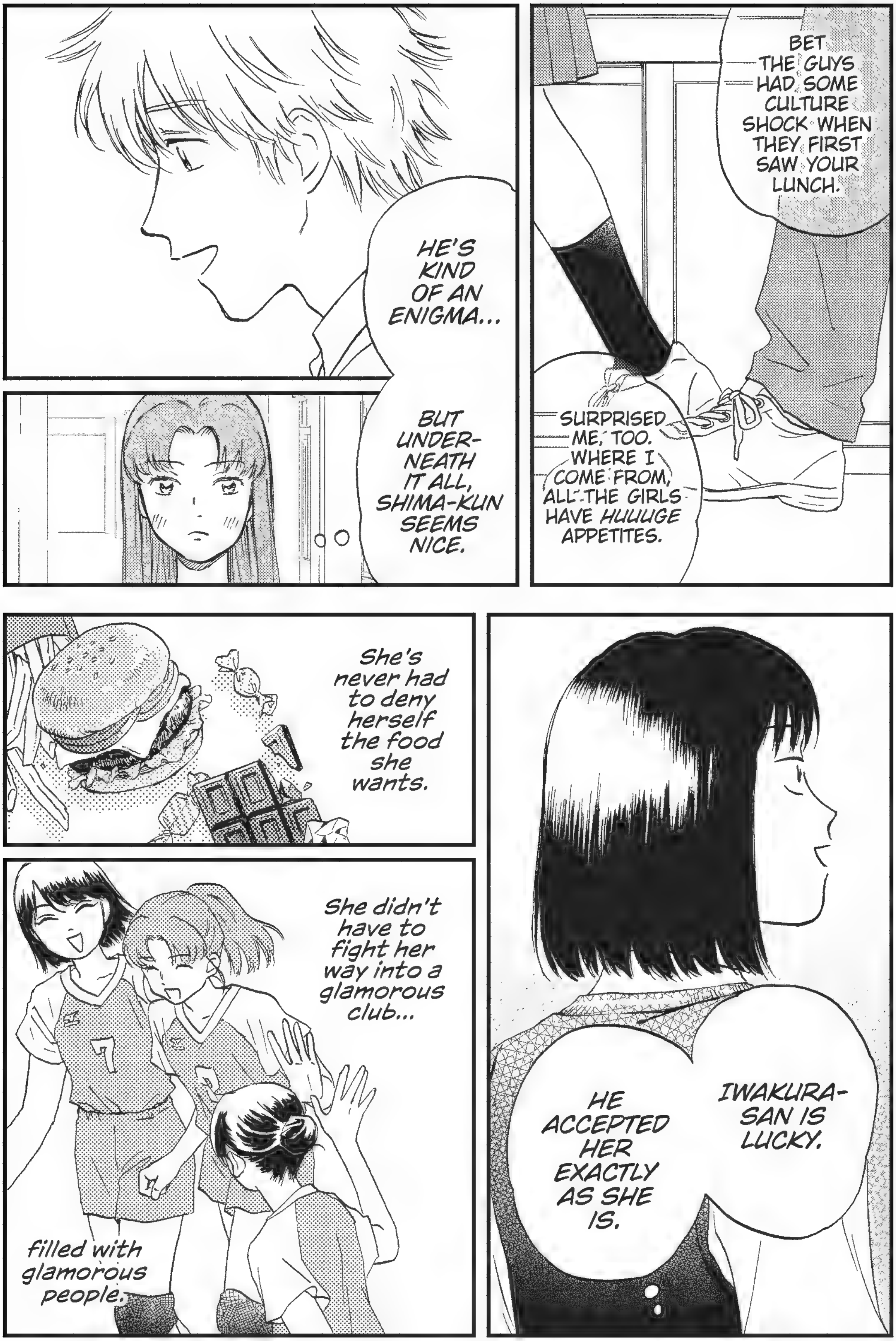

Ha ha!
NO HARM PRACTICING ON YOUR OWN, RIGHT?
I CAN HELP YOU DURING LUNCH!
GLOW
YOU WILL?!
OH, WAIT. VOLLEYBALL, HUH?
Not my field of expertise.
HAVE ANY OF THE OTHER GIRLS PLAYED?
WHY DON'T YOU TRY ASKING ONE OF THEM FOR HELP?
OH!
YOUR BUTT'S STICKING OUT.


LISTEN, JUST DROP YOUR HIPS AND KEEP THEM STRAIGHT.
RELAX. BE FLEXIBLE, OR YOU WON'T STOP THE BALL'S MOMENTUM.
I... I SEE.
Like this?
Your feet are too close together.
HOW'D I GET ROPED INTO THIS?!
SORRY! THE BATHROOM'S PRETTY FAR FROM HERE, HUH?
KEEP IT UP! YOU'RE DOING SUPER!
I THINK YOU'RE READY FOR ANOTHER PASS!


UH-HUH...
キーン BING
コーン... BOONG...
SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE AN UPHILL BATTLE AHEAD.
......
I'M SORRY... I'M SO SORRY.
EVERYONE HAS STRENGTHS AND WEAK-NESSES, RIGHT?
YOU CAN HELP ME WITH CLASSIC LIT.
SURE. WHEN-EVER YOU WANT.
HOW ABOUT YOU, EGASHIRA-SAN?
DO YOU HAVE ANY BAD SUBJECTS?
ME? WELL...
OOH.
THEN AGAIN...


the perks make up for it! ♡
THIS IS FOR YOU.
ANPAN


THEY'RE FROM NAO-CHAN... I MEAN, MY AUNT. SHE WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.
REALLY? YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT.
AW, HOW NIIICE.
Ugh...
IT'S ALL SWEET JUNK.
RSTL ガサ
I'M GOOD WITH JUST THIS!
WE CAN SHARE THE REST IN CLASS.
YOU DON'T EVEN WANT THE BREAD?
TINY! ちまっ
YOUR LUNCHES ALL LOOK LIKE THIS, EGASHIRA-SAN.
OH, I'M NOT A BIG EATER.
That's a girl thing.
YOU THINK I ENJOY STARVING MYSELF?!

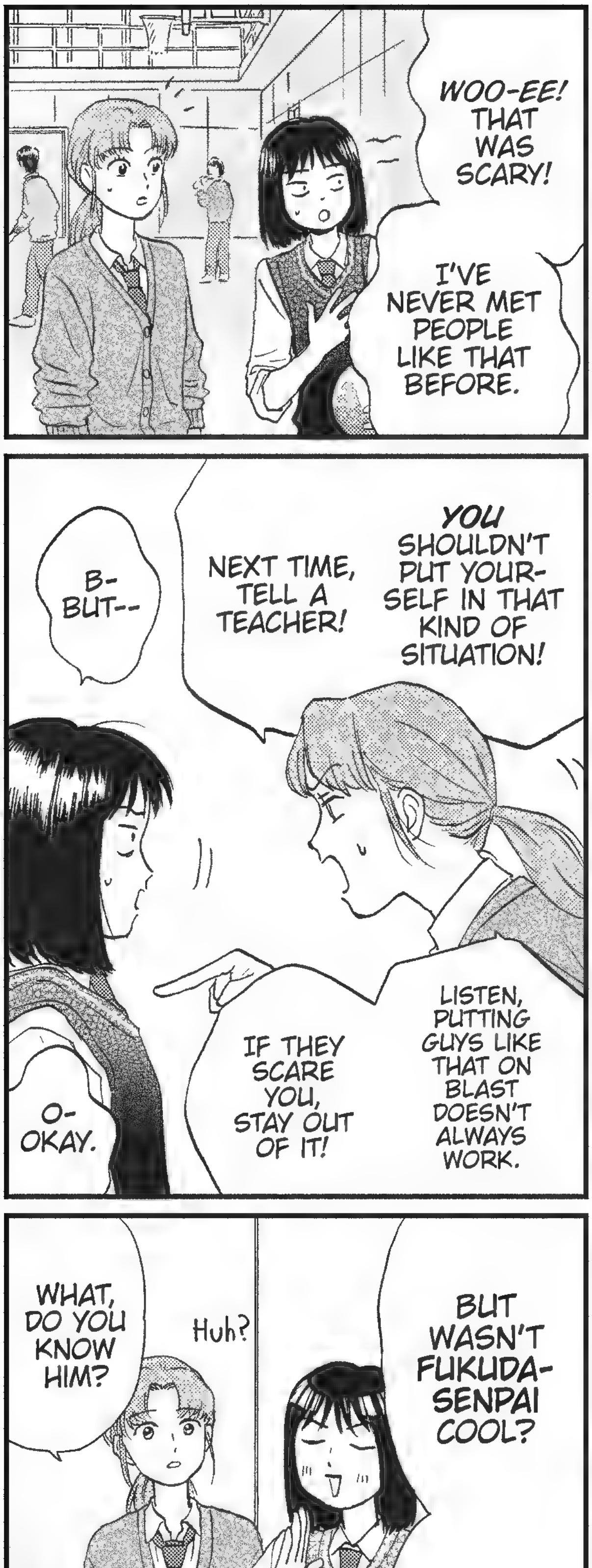

BET THE GUYS HAD SOME CULTURE SHOCK WHEN THEY FIRST SAW YOUR LUNCH.
SURPRISED ME, TOO. WHERE I COME FROM, ALL THE GIRLS HAVE HUUUGE APPETITES.
HE'S KIND OF AN ENIGMA...
BUT UNDERNEATH IT ALL, SHIMA-KUN SEEMS NICE.
IWAKURA-SAN IS LUCKY.
HE ACCEPTED HER EXACTLY AS SHE IS.
She's never had to deny herself the food she wants.
She didn't have to fight her way into a glamorous club...
filled with glamorous people.


I'M SO SORRY!
SENSEI ASKED ME FOR A FAVOR A WHILE AGO.
I MIGHT NOT MAKE IT TODAY.
CAN YOU TWO GO AHEAD WITHOUT ME?
THAT'S FINE.
UUUGH. THAT SUCKS.
We can do it!
Right?
NOW I'M STUCK WITH HER. ALONE.
DMP
DMP
BWA HA HA HA!
HUH?
WHY ARE THERE THIRD-YEARS HERE?
I can tell by their blue shoelaces.
ISN'T THIS THE FIRST-YEARS' DAY TO USE THE GYM?
WE CAN GO OVER THERE.


HEY, YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY GOOD AT PASSING.
RIGHT?
Hee hee...
WHUMP
HAW-HAW!
AHH!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
GAH HA HA HA!
......!!
E-EXCUSE ME!
THE FIRST-YEARS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE GYM TODAY!
HEY...!


RIGHT.
I haven't felt like this in a long time.
WHAT'S UP?
NOTHING. COMING YOUR WAY!
SHUDDER
OH.


SHIRAI! SHIBA-MOTO!
YOU DON'T TALK TO FIRST-YEARS LIKE THAT! SHAME ON YOU!
GEH.
Go on, get outta here.
PHEW...
I'M OKAY.
GLARE
BUT LET'S FOCUS ON WHAT MATTERS!
SHIRAI.
SHIBA-MOTO.


WOO-EE! THAT WAS SCARY!
I'VE NEVER MET PEOPLE LIKE THAT BEFORE.
YOU SHOULDN'T PUT YOUR-SELF IN THAT KIND OF SITUATION!
NEXT TIME, TELL A TEACHER!
B-BUT--
LISTEN, PUTTING GUYS LIKE THAT ON BLAST DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK.
IF THEY SCARE YOU, STAY OUT OF IT!
O-OKAY.
BUT WASN'T FUKUDA-SENPAI COOL?
Huh?
WHAT, DO YOU KNOW HIM?
HE REALLY SET THEM STRAIGHT!

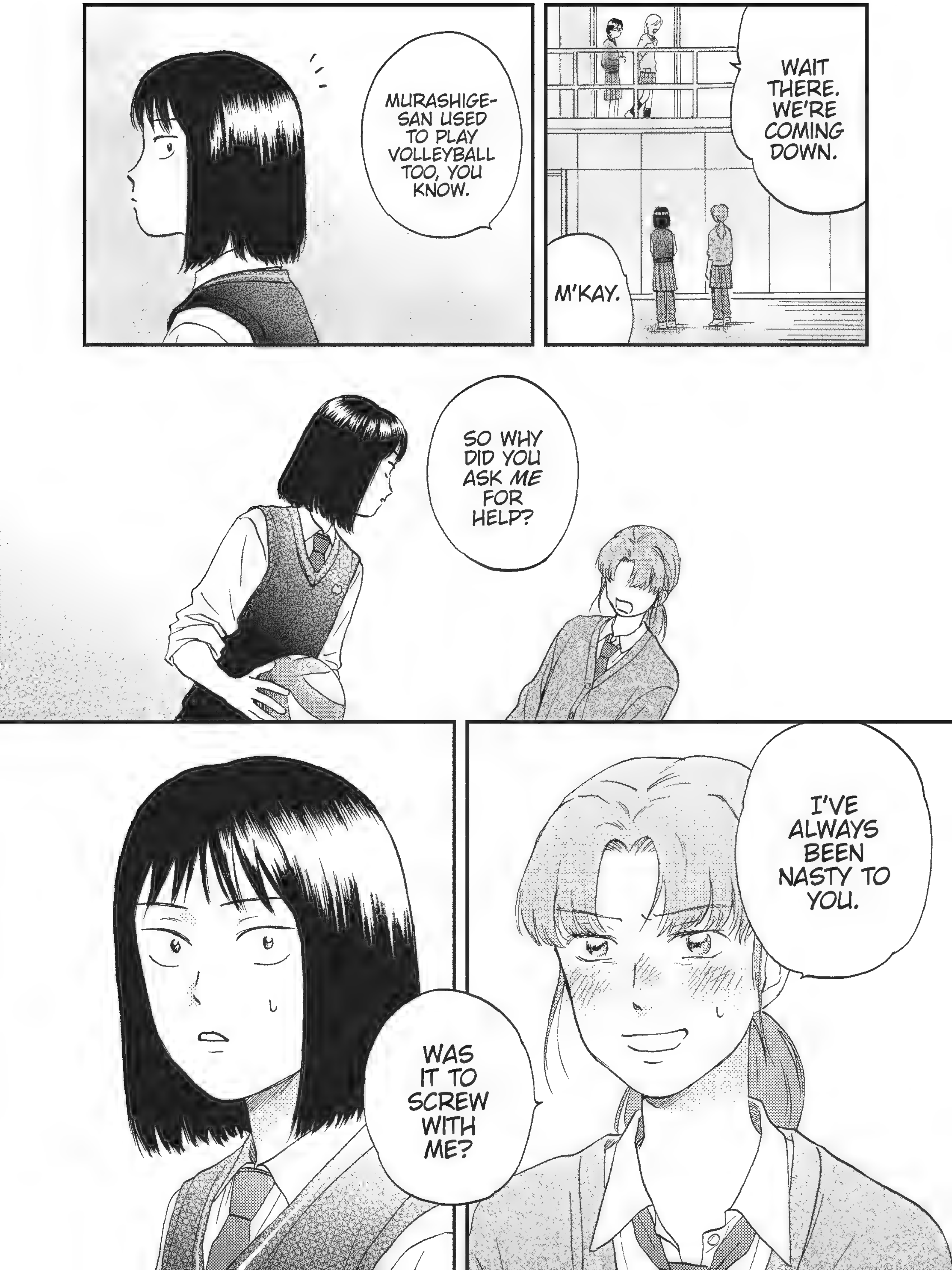

DOOM
YOUR NAMES ARE GOING STRAIGHT ONTO THE LIST.
※THE LIST
A NOTEBOOK EGASHIRA-SAN KEEPS LOCKED INSIDE HER HEART, CONTAINING THE NAMES OF EVERYONE UNWISE ENOUGH TO CROSS HER.

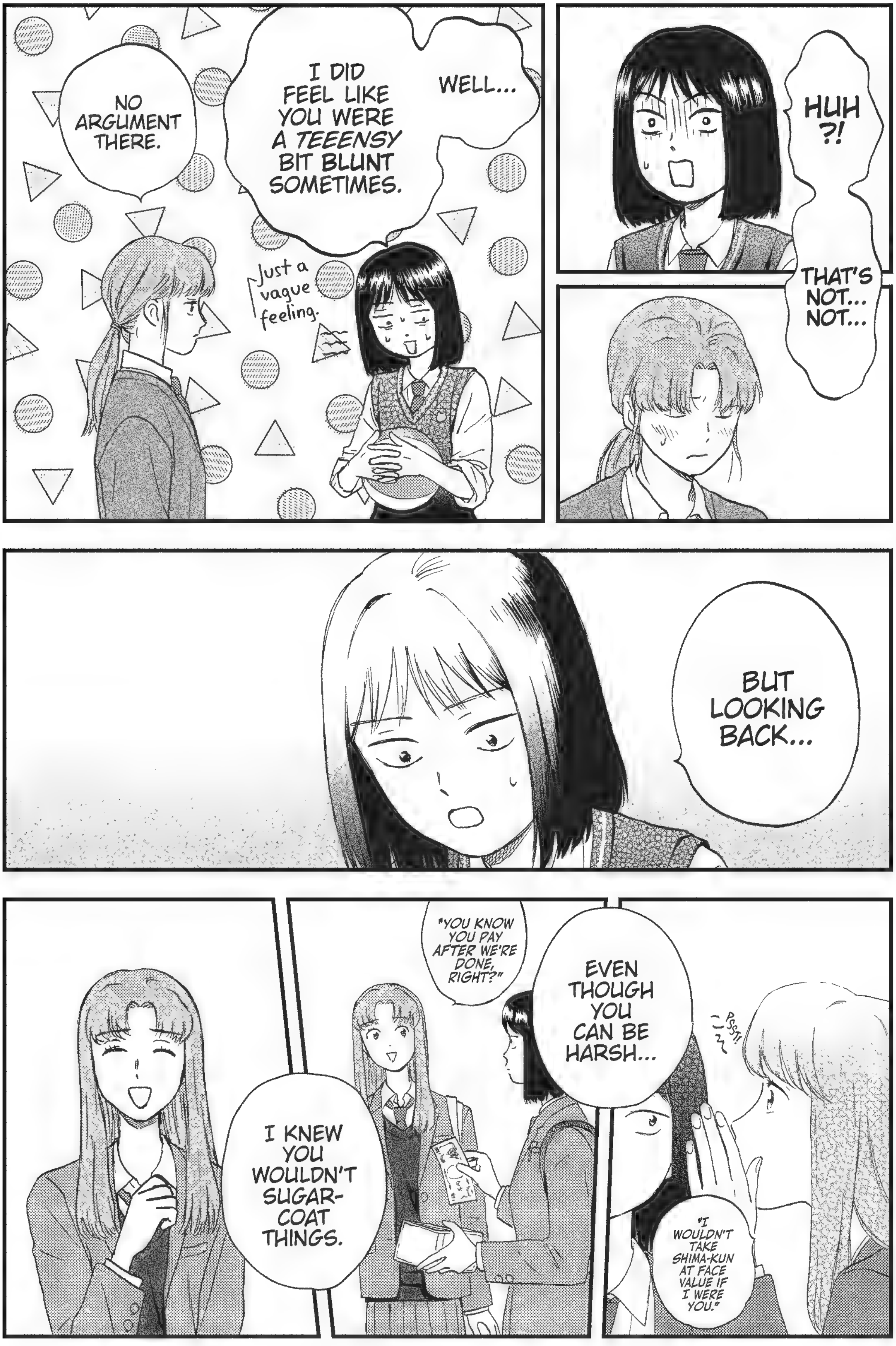

HIS NAME WAS WRITTEN ON HIS SHOES.
NO.
That's what sets us apart.
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EGASHIRA-SAN?
I learn the names of those who have wronged me...

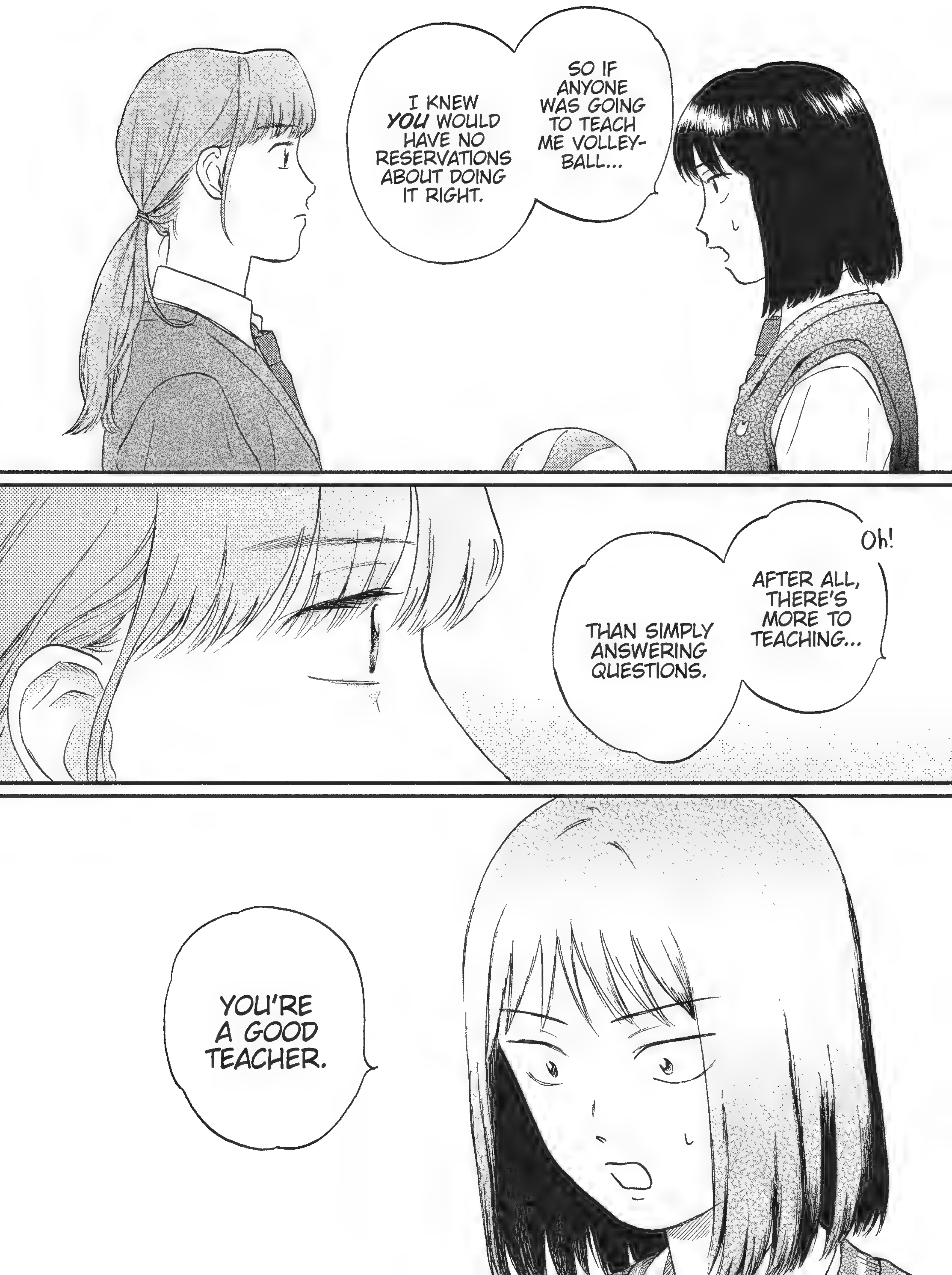

but Iwakura-san remembers the people who are kind to her.
AGH! I KNEW IT!
I WONDERED WHERE YOU'D BEEN RUNNING OFF TO DURING LUNCH!
YOU'VE BEEN PRACTICING ALL THIS TIME!
I'M ON THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM TOO, YOU KNOW. YOU COULD HAVE ASKED ME FOR HELP!
I KNOW, BUT...


the truth is, I'm awful at sports.
Uh, duh? We knew that.
If I can't be a stunning beauty like her...
or a pure, straight-forward person like her...


will anyone ever want me?


MURASHIGE-SAN USED TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL TOO, YOU KNOW.
WAIT THERE. WE'RE COMING DOWN.
M'KAY.
SO WHY DID YOU ASK *ME* FOR HELP?
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN NASTY TO YOU.
WAS IT TO SCREW WITH ME?


WELL...
I DID FEEL LIKE YOU WERE A TEEENSY BIT BLUNT SOMETIMES.
Just a vague feeling.
NO ARGUMENT THERE.
HUH ?!
THAT'S NOT... NOT...
BUT LOOKING BACK...
"YOU KNOW YOU PAY AFTER WE'RE DONE, RIGHT?"
EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN BE HARSH...
PSST!
"I WOULDN'T TAKE SHIMA-KUN AT FACE VALUE IF I WERE YOU."
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T SUGAR-COAT THINGS.


SO IF ANYONE WAS GOING TO TEACH ME VOLLEY-BALL...
I KNEW *YOU* WOULD HAVE NO RESERVATIONS ABOUT DOING IT RIGHT.
Oh!
AFTER ALL, THERE'S MORE TO TEACHING...
THAN SIMPLY ANSWERING QUESTIONS.
YOU'RE A GOOD TEACHER.


YOU'VE WORKED VERY, VERY HARD TO GET THIS FAR, AND IT SHOWS.
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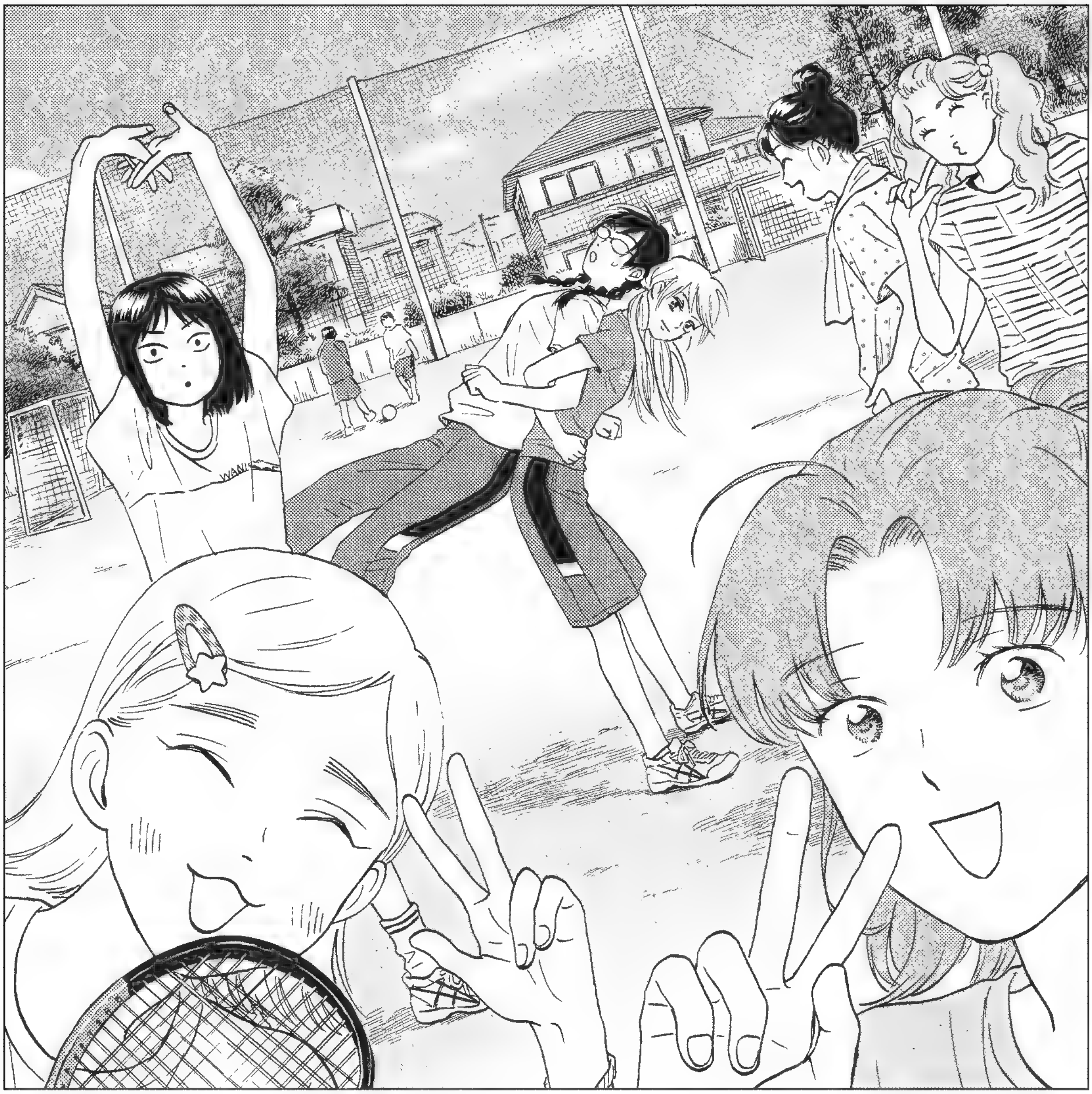
SORRY! I DON'T HAVE ANY PANTS WITH ME, BUT I CAN DO SOME LIGHT TOSS-UPS.
I'm just here to heckle.
You can be pretty blunt yourself!
THAT WASN'T MEANT AS A COMPLIMENT, YOU KNOW?
Not especially.
I GET IT, ALL RIGHT?!
びしっ
JAB
JUST FYI!
ONCE I GET SERIOUS, THAT'S IT!
CAN YOU COME TOMORROW TOO, MURASHIGE-SAN?
SURE.
THEN HELP ME TEACH IWAKURA-SAN!
KURUME-SAN, TAKE SOME VIDEOS OR SOME-THING!
Huh?


I'M NOT SETTLING FOR ANYTHING LESS THAN FIRST PLACE!
YEAAAH!
パチ CLAP
パチ CLAP
パチ CLAP
ARE YOU FINISHED WITH YOUR ERRAND?
YEP.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE ENOUGH HELP TODAY.
HI, SHIMA-KUN.
......!!
Ha ha ha!
WHAT'S UP? WAS THIS THE COMIC RELIEF SCENE?
I'M SOOO BUMMED I MISSED IT.
Come on!
WE'RE WASTING TIME! LET'S GET STARTED!
Okay~!


EGASHIRA-SAN.
YOU CAN DO IT.
"YOU CAN DO IT."
Work on your passing before team practice begins!
Get to it, Class Officer!
Okay!
"You can do it."

Scene ⑧ END

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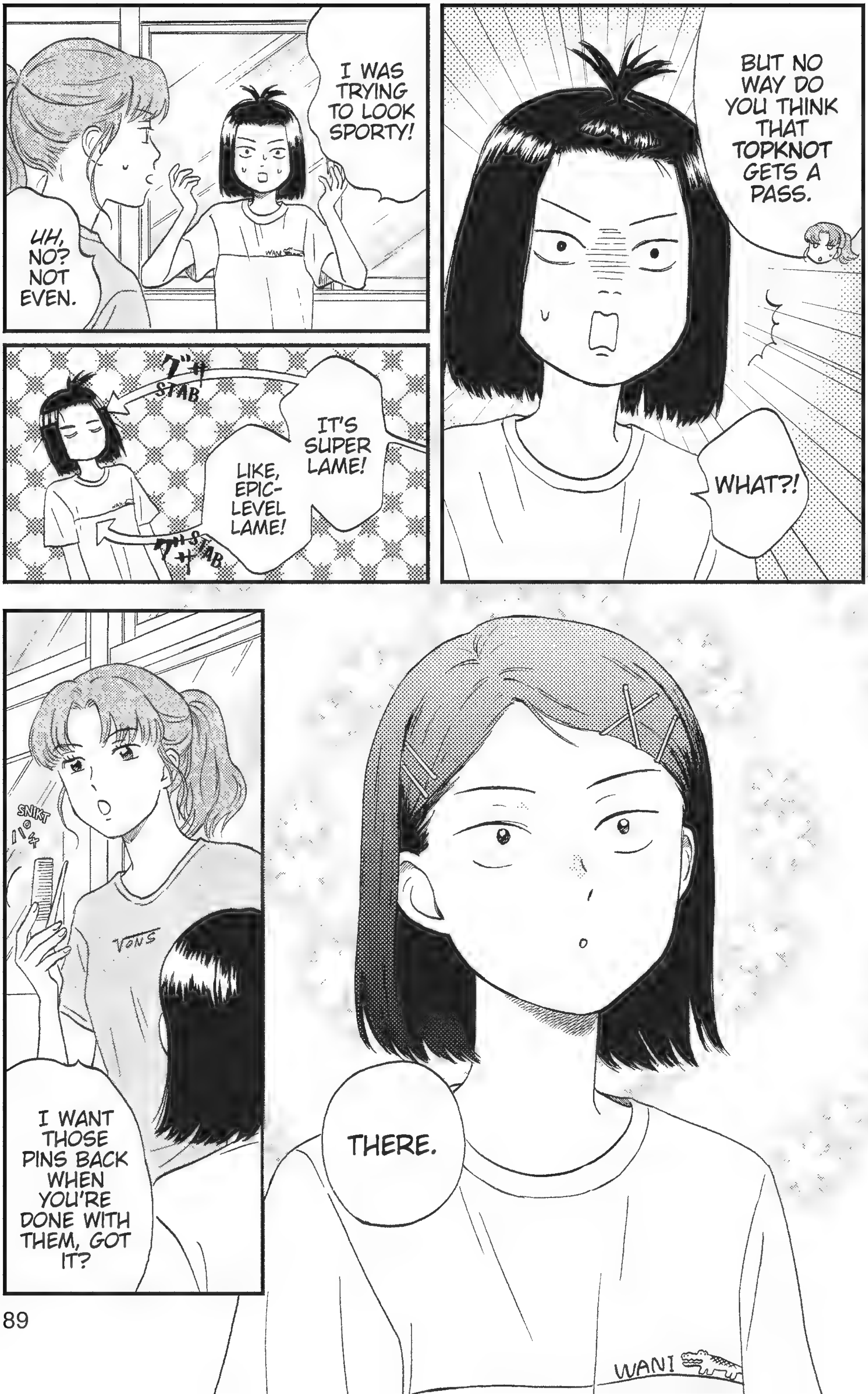


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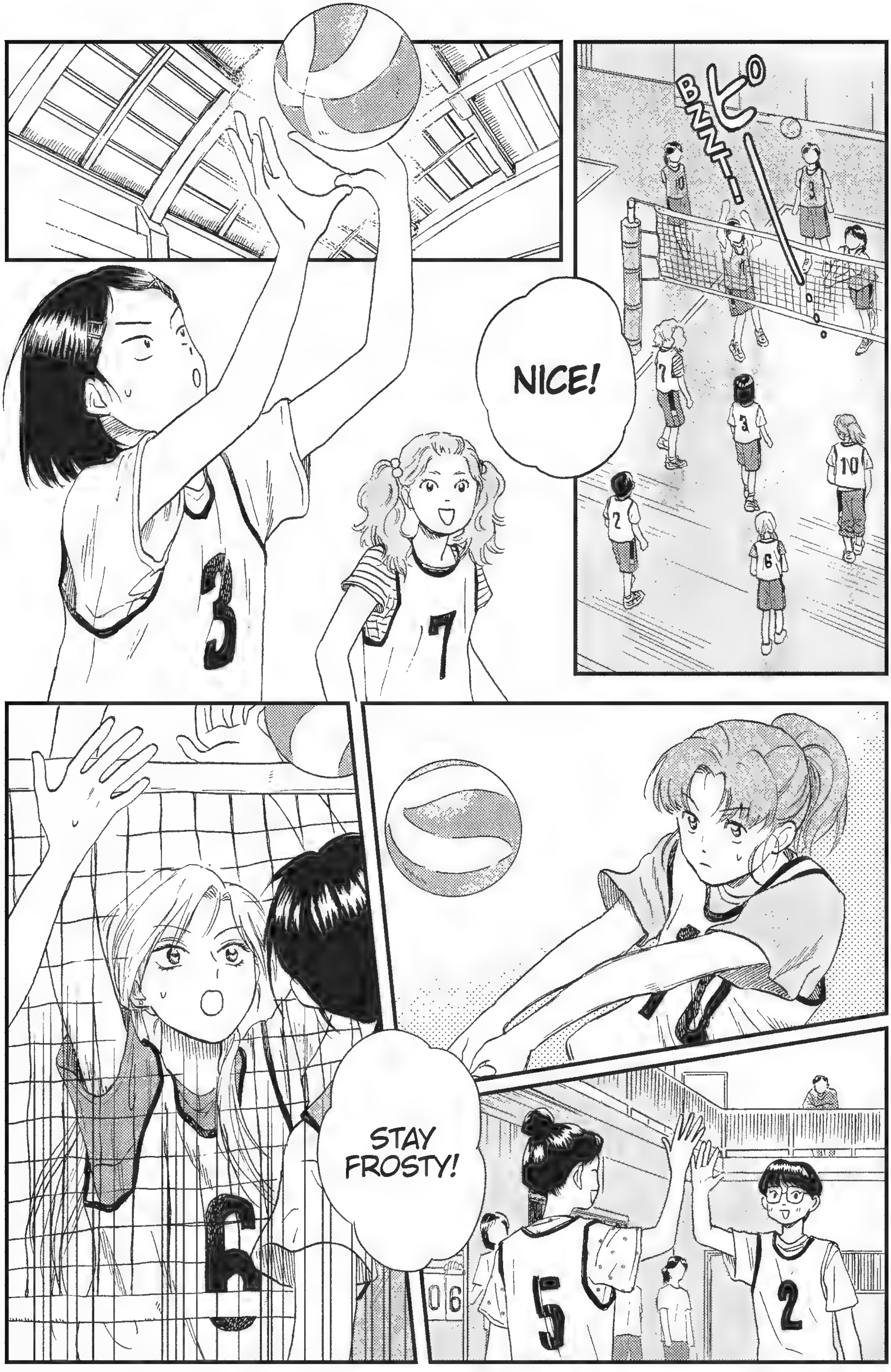
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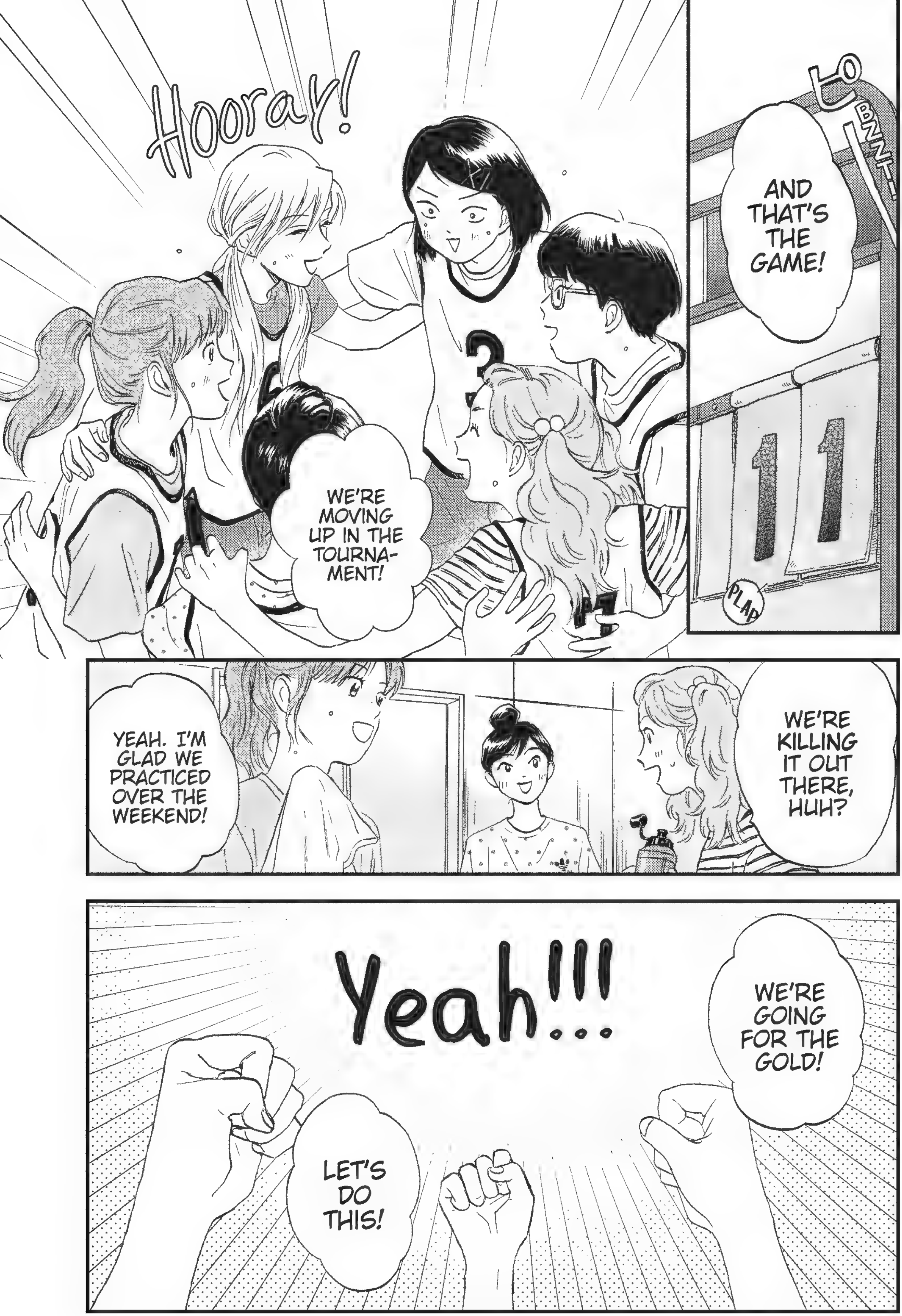
Scene ⑨ Class Match Chaos


AND THERE YOU GOOO!
I WANTED TO TRY FRENCH-BRAIDING YOUR HAIR.
Oooh!
YOU LOOK SOOO CUTE, MAKOC-CHAN!
You're really good at this, Yuzu-chan!
THANK YOU.
SPRITZ
YOU'RE VERY WELCOME.
Mirror.
ARE'NT YOU HAPPY?
Hee hee!
BET YOU ARE. GETTING CUTE MAKES ANYBODY HAPPY.
Urk...
I GUESS...
WOW. I'M IMPRESSED SHE CAN DO THAT HERSELF!
Am I right?
Ugh, shut up!
I'M NOT SAYING YOU NEED TO GO THAT FAR...


I WAS TRYING TO LOOK SPORTY!
UH, NO? NOT EVEN.
BUT NO WAY DO YOU THINK THAT TOPKNOT GETS A PASS.
WHAT?!
IT'S SUPER LAME!
LIKE, EPIC-LEVEL LAME!
STAB
STAB
SNIKT
THERE.
I WANT THOSE PINS BACK WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THEM, GOT IT?
VANS
WANI


AWW! NOW YOUR FOREHEAD LOOKS CUTE, MITSUMI.
THANK YOU, MIKA-CHAN!
I'M SO HAPPY.
YEAH, YEAH.
Hee hee...
Today's the class matchup.


ピー
BZZZT!!
NICE!
STAY FROSTY!


BZZT
AND THAT'S THE GAME!
PLAP
Hooray!
WE'RE MOVING UP IN THE TOURNAMENT!
WE'RE KILLING IT OUT THERE, HUH?
YEAH. I'M GLAD WE PRACTICED OVER THE WEEKEND!
WE'RE GOING FOR THE GOLD!
Yeah!!!
LET'S DO THIS!


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BZZT!
THIS IS WHY I HATE THESE STUPID CLASS MATCHUPS!
ギリ
GNASH…
She still prac-ticed for it.
HEY, MAKOC-CHAN.
IT'S OKAY. WE'LL AVENGE YOU.
NOW, COME ON. LET'S HAVE LUNCH.
AFTER A FEW WINS, SHE STARTS TALKING LIKE A SPORTS PRO.
IT'S PRETTY BORING WHEN WE AREN'T ON THE COURT, HUH?
LET'S GO CHEER ON THE OTHERS AFTER WE EAT.


OH, I BROUGHT US SOMETHING.
TA-DA!
TWO KINDS OF PICKLED VEGGIES!
Wow!
YOU MADE THESE?!
Heh.
I THOUGHT WE COULD USE THE SODIUM.
DON'T MIND IF I DOOO!
I THINK I'LL GIVE SOME TO SHIMA-KUN AND THE OTHERS, TOO.
WE'LL GO WATCH THEM PLAY BASKETBALL, RIGHT?
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
Yeah...
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'LL GET THE CHANCE.
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ab 4G
Class Match, Guys, Cool
Search
TAP
The guys are normally kinda lame
but watching them fight out
there today? NGL. it was kind of
cool! Good job, guys
pic.tsubutter.com
SWIPE
HIKARI
We didn't win the class
match but it was still a lot
of fun! The guys were really
cool out there. I wanna
scream! Love you, class 1-
MARI
Today was the
The guys are usua
stupid, but seeing h
they were playing was
gut-punch!
But we girls
SWIPE
HEH HEH...
CHECK IT OUT, MUKAI.
IT SAYS HERE GUYS ARE THIRTY PERCENT COOLER WHEN THEY'RE COMPETING.
Heh heh...
UH-HUH. SURE.
TIME TO LINE UP.
BZZT!
LET'S GIVE 'EM HELL.
YEAH!

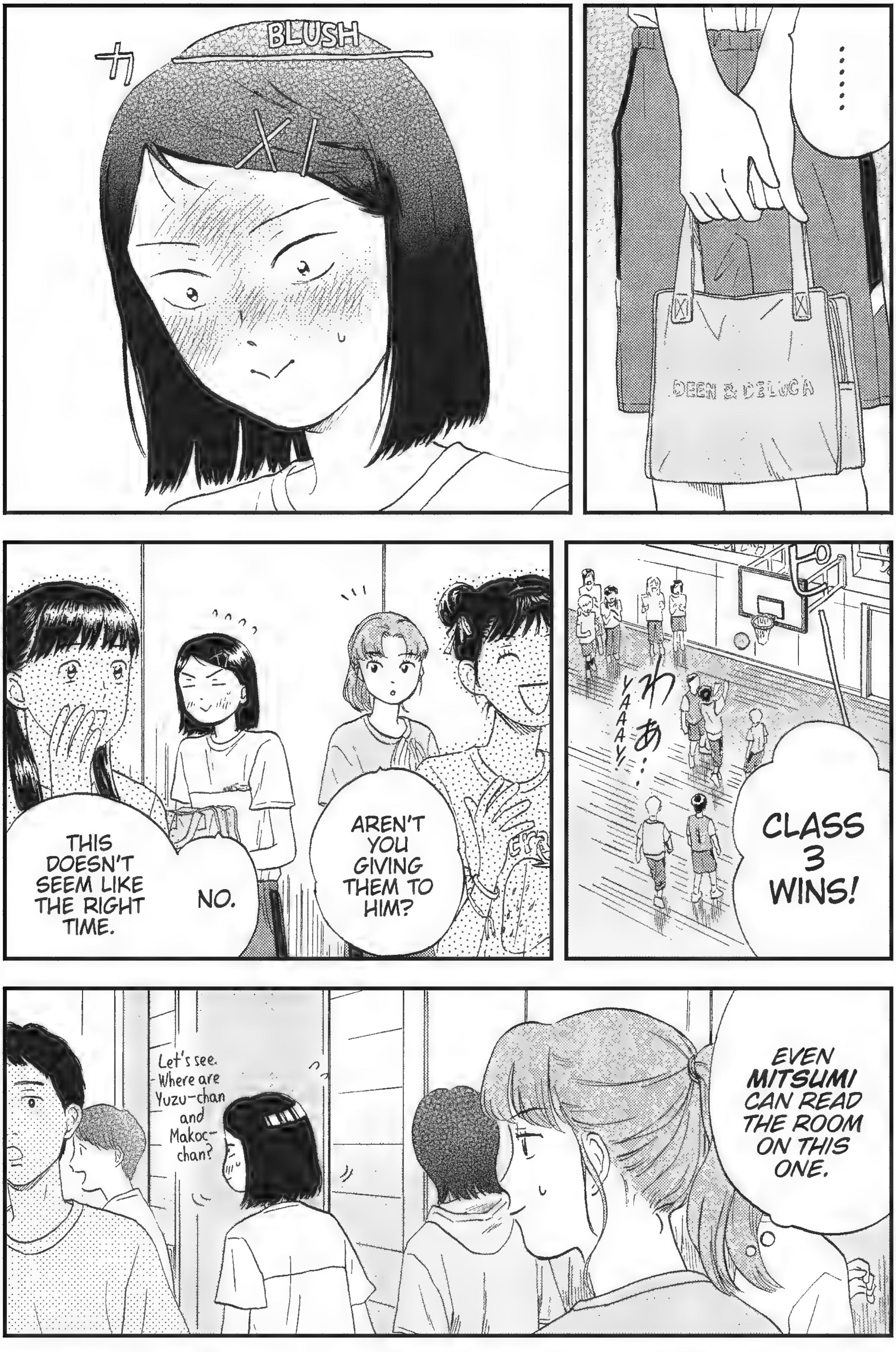


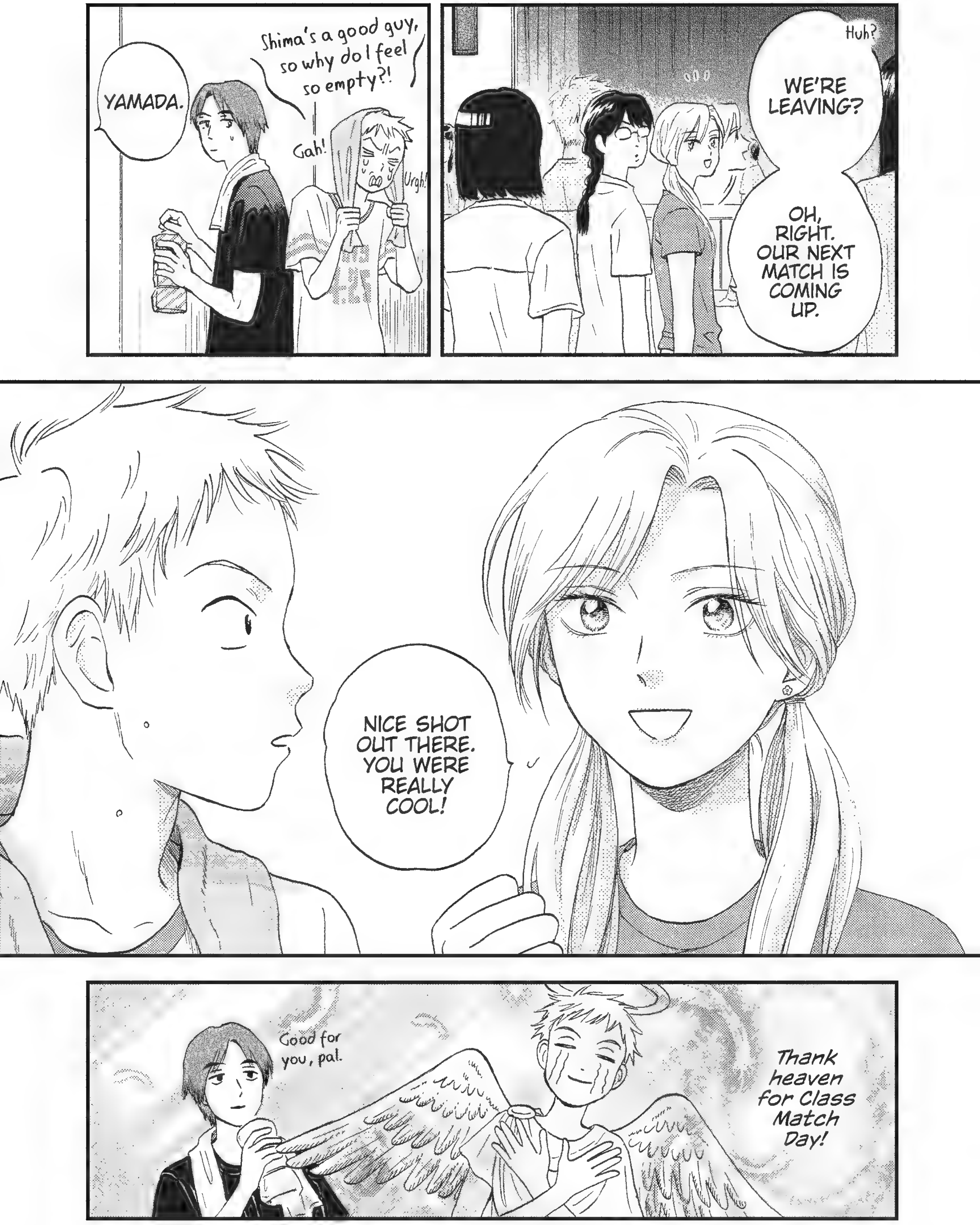
Ready? And...
Good luck, Shima-kun~!
SQUEE!
SQUEE!
SHE MIGHT BE IN THAT CROWD.
MY FUTURE GIRLFRIEND!
HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL.
YAY!
YAY!
WOW! LOOK AT ALL OF THESE PEOPLE.
TO BE FAIR, MOST OF THEM ARE HERE FOR SHIMA-KUN.
HUH?!
NUMBER 5 IS THAT SHIMA-KUN KID, RIGHT?
OH WOW, HE REALLY IS CUTE~!
EVEN THE SENPAI.


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パ PASH
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シュン SHWUMP


TUNK!
YAAAY!
NICE SHOT, YAMADA!
I did it!!
Go get 'em!
SQUEE!
SQUEE!
HE TOTALLY COULD HAVE TAKEN THAT SHOT HIMSELF.
BUT THE OTHER TEAM WAS ALL NEWBIES...
SO HE STEPPED BACK TO GIVE HIS FRIEND THE GLORY.


SQUEE!
きゃあ
HE'S SOOO COOOOL!
THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
SHIMA-KUN...
REALLY IS POPULAR, ISN'T HE?
NOT THAT I DIDN'T KNOW, BUT HE DEFINITELY SHINES OUT HERE.

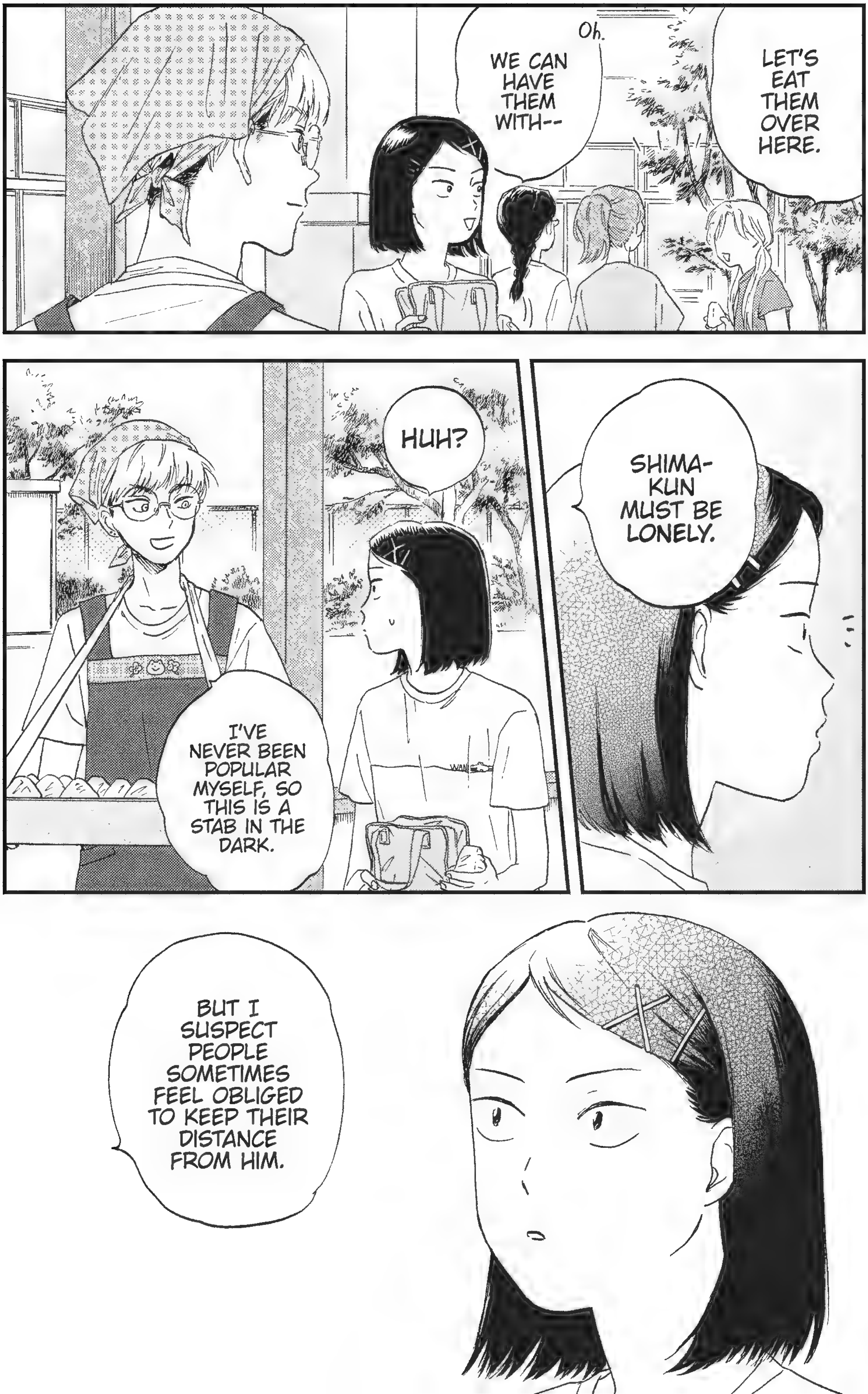

BLUSH
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DEEN & DELUCA
わあ...!!
YAAAY!!
CLASS 3 WINS!
THIS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE RIGHT TIME.
NO.
AREN'T YOU GIVING THEM TO HIM?
Let's see. Where are Yuzu-chan and Makoc-chan?
EVEN MITSUMI CAN READ THE ROOM ON THIS ONE.


YAMADA.
Shima's a good guy, so why do I feel so empty?!
Gah!
Urgh!
Huh?
WE'RE LEAVING?
OH, RIGHT. OUR NEXT MATCH IS COMING UP.
NICE SHOT OUT THERE. YOU WERE REALLY COOL!
Good for you, pal.
Thank heaven for Class Match Day!


Hey, Iwakura-san. If you want Sousuke, he's--
No, that's all right. I just came to watch.
YEAH. IF YOU SO MUCH AS SAID HI, THE OTHER GIRLS WOULD TOTALLY JUMP ALL OVER YOU.
Oooh.
AND GIVING HIM SOME-THING WOULD REALLY BRING THE KNIVES OUT.
YOU... YOU THINK SO?!
That was close!
WOO-EE! I COULDN'T DO IT WITH ALL THOSE PEOPLE AROUND!
SHIMA-KUN'S THAT POPULAR?
Hm?
YEAH, ISN'T IT SOME-THING? AND JUNE'S BARELY EVEN--



Whoa~!
KANE-CHIKA-SENPAI!
HEY THERE.
H-HELLO!
OH, ER... WHICH SPORT ARE YOU COMPETING IN, SENPAI?
SOCCER. BUT I'M JUST A SUB.
THOUGH I STRUGGLED TO IMPROVE MY ATHLETIC PROWESS, ALAS, IT WAS FOR NAUGHT.
SO I'VE POURED MY HEART AND SOUL INTO SUPPORTING THE TEAM...
BY ROLLING ONIGIRI LIKE MY LIFE DEPENDS ON IT.
These are freshly made.
Here, have one. No worries, I used plastic wrap.
......!!
DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS AN OPTION, HUH?
Thank you!


LET'S EAT THEM OVER HERE.
Oh.
WE CAN HAVE THEM WITH--
SHIMA-KUN MUST BE LONELY.
HUH?
I'VE NEVER BEEN POPULAR MYSELF, SO THIS IS A STAB IN THE DARK.
BUT I SUSPECT PEOPLE SOMETIMES FEEL OBLIGED TO KEEP THEIR DISTANCE FROM HIM.


He was the first friend I made in Tokyo...
so I'd always assumed we were close.
Lonely?
Shima-kun?
03 07
I thought I was the lonely one in our relationship.
But part of me felt like I was closer to him than he was to me.
DMP
Why did he ask me to be his friend in the first place?



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HUFF...
ハァ
HUFF...
TH... THEY'RE GOOD.
RUMBLE
CLASS 5
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
IT'S NOT FAIR THAT THEY HAVE FIRST-YEAR VOLLEYBALL TEAM REGULARS!
Heh heh...
IT'S MY SERVE.
ERK!
SHWOO
WHAP!


YOU MADE A JUMP SERVE AT SOMEONE WHO'S BARELY EVEN PLAYED?!
COWARD !!
BOO!
BOO!
What-ever!
SUCK IT UP!
I'M IN IT TO WIN IT!
MITSUMI!
HANG IN THERE! WE'LL PICK UP EVERY-THING WE CAN!
They're trying to score off serves!
THROB THROB
O-OKAY.
YOU CAN DO IT. THIS IS WHAT WE PRACTICED FOR!
That's right.
A series of calamities.
The day of the entrance ceremony, I was desper-ate.
Super late.
Got snappy.
Threw up.
I was so desperate I ended up running around in circles.


I probably caused all kinds of problems for Shima-kun, too.
To everyone else, I was "The Puker."
But he still reached out to me.


SHWA-
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BOMP!
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AAAMp
WHOA!

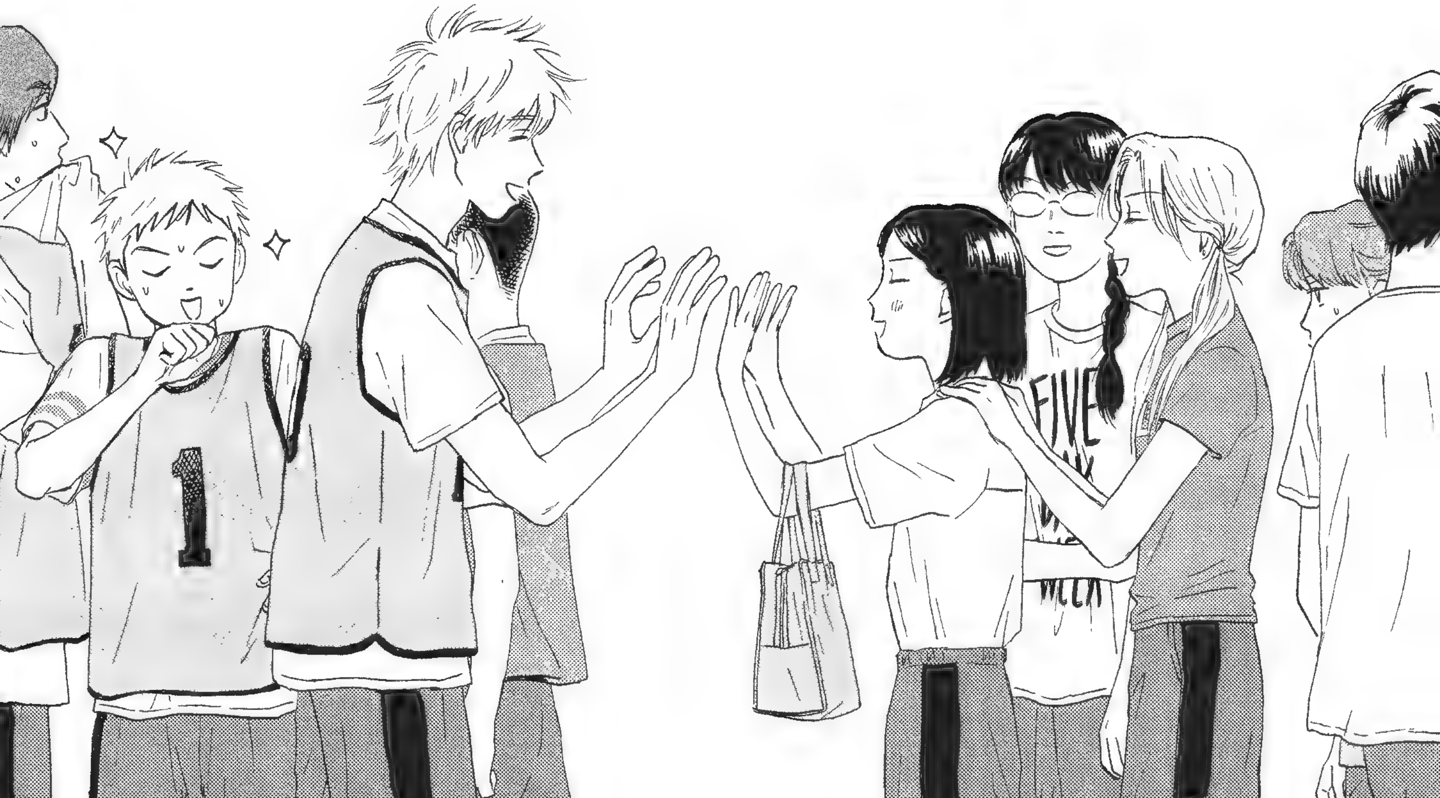

YEAAAH!
AWW, SECOND PLACE?
AAARGH! I'M SOOO MAD!
YEAH, BUT IT WAS FUN, RIGHT?
We did our best.
IT WAS.
Hey!
LOOKS LIKE OUR GUYS' BASKETBALL TEAM IS IN THE FINALS!
!
IT'S ABOUT TO START.
I'M GOING TO RUN OVER!
And on second thought, I will give these to Shima-kun!
I DIDN'T CHEER FOR THEM PROPERLY BEFORE!
DASH
WHOA.



Now that's mental forti-tude.
I'M KIND OF JEALOUS SHE HAD THE GUTS TO GO THROUGH WITH IT.
Does Egashira-san have a crush on Shima-kun, too?
NO! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
FLAIL ぶん
FLAIL ぶん
I MEAN, SURE, I THINK HE'S COOL, BUT SO DO YOU GUYS!
BESIDES, WE'VE ONLY BEEN IN SCHOOL TWO MONTHS!
Ohhh. Right.
EVEN MITSUMI HAS FRIENDS-ONLY VIBES WITH HIM FOR NOW.
C'mon, let's cheer them on, too.
YEAH, BUT THEY'RE REALLY GOOD FRIENDS.
YES, THAT'S TRUE.
PART OF FALLING FOR SOMEONE IS FINDING SOMETHING IN THEM YOU DON'T HAVE.
AND I SUSPECT...
VONS


SHE HAS SOMETHING SHIMA-KUN WISHES HE DID.
THAT'S THE FEELING I GET.







Scene⑨ END



Scene ⑩ A Drizzly Start to the Rainy Season

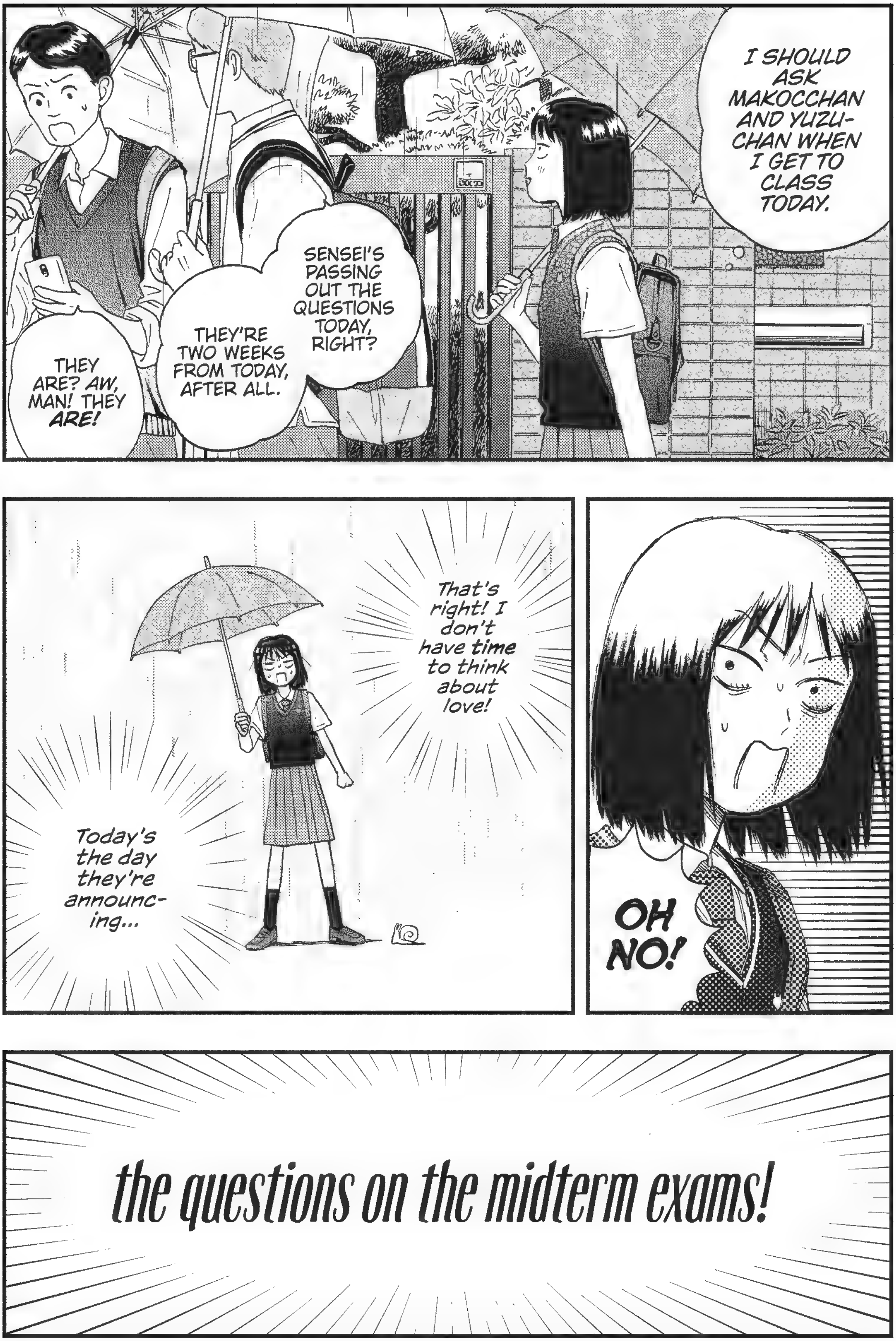

YUUUP, IT'S DEFINITELY THE RAINY SEASON NOW.
YEAH, WE'RE USED TO IT RAINING ALL YEAR 'ROUND IN ISHIKAWA.
'SNICE AND SUNNY OUT TODAY, THOUGH!
I'll flip the camera around...
CAN YOU SEE IT?
OOOH! THAT DOES LOOK NICE.
THE OCEAN SEEMS QUIET.
......
GUESS WHAT, MITSUMI-CHAN?
Oh. Almost time to leave.
HM?


THERE'S... A GUY I LIKE.
BFFT!
BLIGH-UH!
COUGH!
COUGH!
HACK!
Ahh!
YOU OKAY OVER THERE?!
TH-THERE'S A GUY?! REALLY?!
UH-HUH. WE'RE IN DIFFERENT CLASSES BUT BOTH IN TENNIS CLUB. HE'S REAL FUNNY!
UH-HUH? UH-HUH?
Ooooh.
C-CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING, FUMI?
HM?



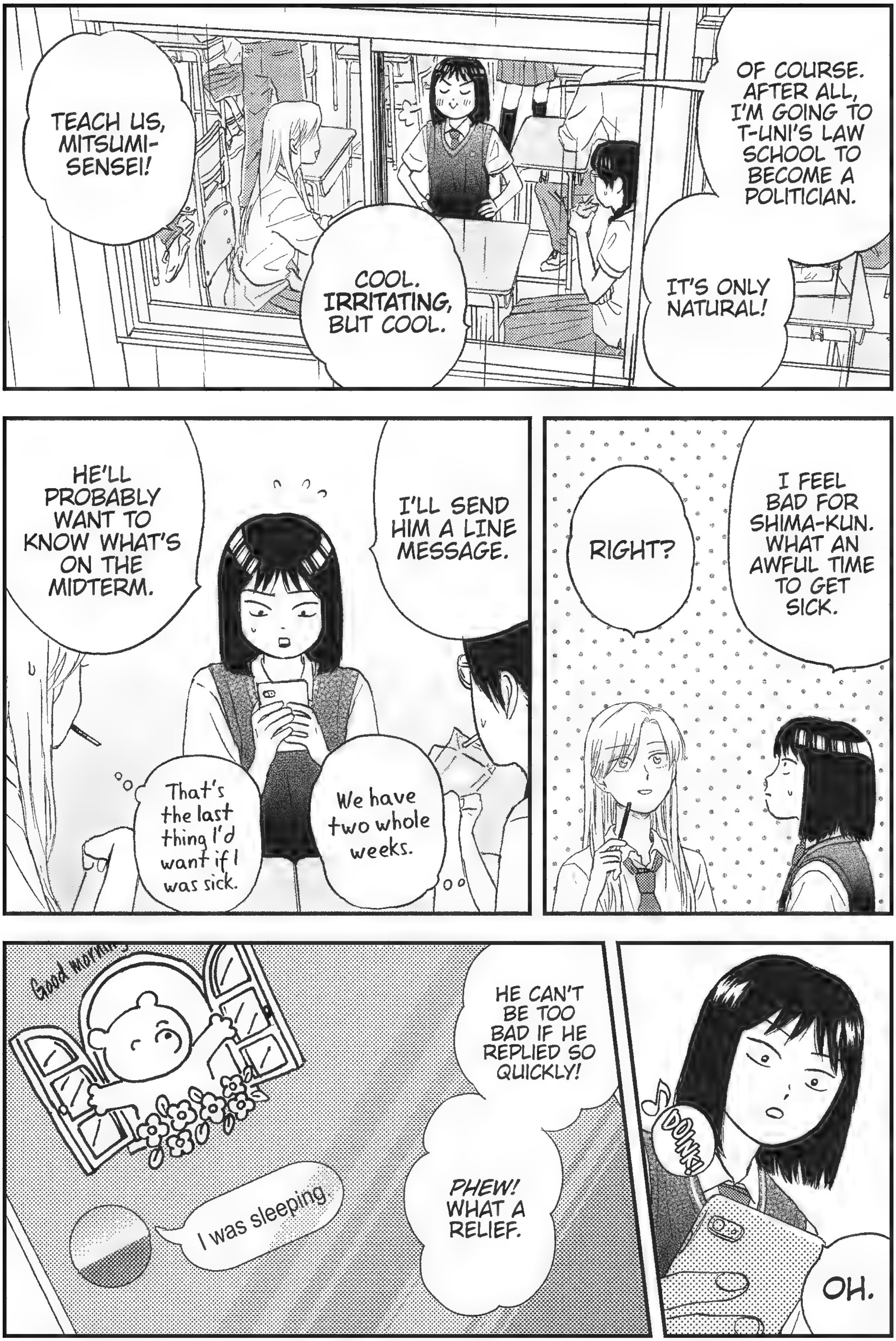
WHAT'S IT FEEL LIKE?
どき BA-BMP
どき BA-BMP
LOVE, I MEAN?!
WELL, FOR ME?
FIRST, I THOUGHT, *THIS GUY'S FUN! I LIKE HIM!*
AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, MY EYES KEPT FOLLOWING HIM.
テレ BLUSH
テレ BLUSH
AFTER A WHILE, THE BEST PART OF SCHOOL WAS KNOWING HE'D BE THERE.
THEN I STARTED HANGING IN HIS CLASS, PRETENDING I WAS THERE TO SEE FRIENDS...
HA HA! BOY HOWDY, IT FEELS WEIRD TALKING ABOUT THIS KINDA STUFF!
I'D START GETTING BUTTER-FLIES WHENEVER HE'D TALK TO ME.
I'D WORRY ABOUT THE RIGHT THING TO SAY, SOMETIMES WANTING TO SCOOT MID-SENTENCE.
'SBEEN NERVE-RACKING, BUT PRETTY FUN.


Well, well, weeeeell...
So Fumi's in love.
I feel a little left behind...
but it makes sense. We're at the right age for that sort of thing.
Wanting to see someone, but also wanting to run from them...
Wanting to talk to them, but tripping over your words...
What a complicated thing love is.
When I fall in love someday, I wonder if I'll recognize it.


I SHOULD ASK MAKOCCHAN AND YUZU-CHAN WHEN I GET TO CLASS TODAY.
SENSEI'S PASSING OUT THE QUESTIONS TODAY, RIGHT?
THEY'RE TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, AFTER ALL.
THEY ARE? AW, MAN! THEY ARE!
OH NO!
That's right! I don't have time to think about love!
Today's the day they're announc-ing...
the questions on the midterm exams!


Ugh...
AS WITH YOUR PREVIOUS EXAMS, ALL CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED THROUGH MIDTERMS.
STUDENTS ARE ALSO PROHIBITED FROM THE FACULTY OFFICE. YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS FROM OUTSIDE!
GOOD LUCK, FIRST-YEARS! I HOPE YOUR FIRST SEMESTER ENDS WITH POSITIVE VIBES. ♡
NOW, LET'S TAKE ATTENDANCE. ASANO-SAN?
HERE.
RUMBLE...
THE DAY HAS FINALLY COME!
Iwakura-san?
Here.
During exams, I worked my way up to ninth in the class.
I can't realistically expect to surpass the higher-ranked students...
but I'm aiming to get into T-uni, so I must keep my rank in the single digits.


SHIMA-KUN...
CALLED OUT SICK TODAY.
SO, HE'S NOT HERE.
DIDN'T WE JUST HAVE AN EXAM?!
MATERIAL FROM THE MID-SEMESTER EXAMS, TOO? THIS IS GONNA BE HEFTY.
UGH. I HATE THIS. IT FEELS LIKE THE YEAR'S JUST STARTED.
OH GAWD! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN!
LOOK AT MITSUMI'S FACE. SHE WAS BORN FOR THIS.


OF COURSE. AFTER ALL, I'M GOING TO T-UNI'S LAW SCHOOL TO BECOME A POLITICIAN.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL!
COOL. **IRRITATING,** BUT COOL.
TEACH US, MITSUMI-SENSEI!
I FEEL BAD FOR SHIMA-KUN. WHAT AN AWFUL TIME TO GET SICK.
RIGHT?
I'LL SEND HIM A LINE MESSAGE.
HE'LL PROBABLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S ON THE MIDTERM.
We have two whole weeks.
That's the last thing I'd want if I was sick.
DOINK
OH.
HE CAN'T BE TOO BAD IF HE REPLIED SO QUICKLY!
PHEW! WHAT A RELIEF.
I was sleeping
Good morning


DOINK!
Don't worry, I'm fine. I woke up so late I was like, "Meh, not worth it." Thanks for worrying though!
?!
Is that all?
HUH??
BUT SENSEI SAID HE CALLED OUT SICK.
MUNCH MUNCH ポリポリ
HE PROBABLY PICKED UP THE PHONE, CALLED, THEN FELL BACK ASLEEP.
BUT THAT WOULD BE SKIPPING!
SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT.
BUT... WHAT?
Now I'm worried!
HE DOESN'T HATE SCHOOL, DOES HE?


NAH.
SOUSUKE WAS LIKE THAT EVEN IN JUNIOR HIGH.
HE WOULDN'T BLOW OFF PROMISES TO PEOPLE...
No way!
BUT HE'D SKIP SOMETHING IF IT SEEMED LIKE IT WOULDN'T BOTHER ANYBODY.
WHAAAT?
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...HE **WAS** ABOUT TO STROLL IN LATE TO THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY.
"It's just...
"an entrance ceremony, right?"
SWARM
WAIT, YOU WENT TO THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH AS SHIMA-KUN, MUKAI-KUN?
IS IT TRUE THAT ONE IN THREE GIRLS CONFESSED TO HIM?!
AND THAT HE BRUTALLY BLEW THEM OFF?
WHOA!


I HEAR HE USED TO HANG OUT ON THE STREETS AT NIGHT, EVEN BACK THEN.
Brutally blew them off?
Streetwalker?
I HEARD HE WAS DATING A MAGAZINE MODEL, AND HE WOULDN'T LOOK TWICE AT OTHER GIRLS!
Magazine model girlfriend?
IS ANY OF THIS TRUE?
I DON'T KNOW!
AND DON'T ASK ME STUFF YOU WOULDN'T ASK HIM!
Why are you asking these things behind his back?!
Aww...
You're so uptight, Mukai-kun.
Is Shima-kun actually...
a bad boy?!
I Love You
Strongest in the land
※Mitsumi's mental image of a bad boy.


NO, NO. STOP THAT.
I TOLD MYSELF I WOULDN'T JUST SWALLOW THAT KIND OF STORY!
PUTTA PUTTA PUTTA
VROOOM! VROOOM!
?
ガラッ
SLIDE
SHI--!
SHIMA-KUN?!
ドドドドドド
BUDDA BUDDA
YO, MITSUMI-CHAAAN! 'SUP?
Dominate the Nation


WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED TO YOU?!
IT'S ALMOST JULY! AREN'T YOU HOT?!
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
NAH. I GET A BREEZE ON MY BIKE.
PERFECT TIMING, THOUGH. GIVE THIS TO SENSEI FOR ME?
HUH ...?!
Drop-Out Notice
BUT... WHY?! ARE YOU IN TROUBLE?!
CHAK
NAH.
JUST NOT FEELIN' IT.
LIKE, WHO CARES, YOU KNOW?
VROOO...
VROOM!


VROOM
CATCH YA LATER~!
SHIMA-KUUUN!
CHIRP CHIRP
......!
WHAT AN AWFUL DREAM.
Morning!
OKAY, LET'S TAKE ATTEN-DANCE.


SHIMA-KUN?
OH, THAT'S STRANGE. HE DIDN'T CALL OUT TODAY.
DID ANYONE HEAR ANYTHING?
He's out again? I hope he's okay...
I mean, over-sleeping twice in a row?
What if he really is sick?
Or in trouble?
HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE TYPE TO SAY IF HE IS.
......


WHAT'LL I DO IF HE REALLY DOES STOP COMING TO SCHOOL?
SLIDE...
MORNING!
HEY! GOOD MO--
HA HA HA!
IT'S ALREADY AFTER-NOON, SHIMA!
I HAD A KILLER SINUS-PRESSURE HEADACHE.
Oh, I get that.
I'M FEELING THAT PAIN, TOO.
DUDE, YOU CAN'T JUST NOT CALL IN LIKE THAT!
I'M HERE NOW, AREN'T I?


MORNING, MITSUMI-CHAN.


......?
Hmph!
CLASS DISMISSED!
ガタ
KLATTER
ガタ
KLATTER
STAND!
BOW!
Good-bye!
OH! CLASS OFFICERS, PLEASE STAY A MINUTE.


COULD YOU STAPLE THESE PRINTOUTS TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW?
OKAY.
THANKS! SORRY FOR GIVING YOU EXTRA WORK!
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE TODAY...?
Urg...
カチャ CHAK
......
パチン CHAK


UHH...
ARE YOU MAD AT ME, MITSUMI-CHAN?
I'M NOT...
NOT MAD! IT'S JUST...!
JUST WHAT?
MNGH.
SHIMA-KUN...
YOU'RE SURE YOU ONLY TOOK A DAY OFF BECAUSE YOU WERE SLEEPY?
HUH? YEAH.
THE RAINY SEASON TAKES IT OUT OF ME.
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T MISS CLASS DURING EXAM SEASON!
AS LONG AS I SQUEAK BY AND PASS, I'M HAPPY.
Yeah, sure.
CHAK


IS THAT ALL IT WAS?
IT'S LIKE, WHO CARES? YOU KNOW?
Catch ya later!
Drop-Out Notice
I--!
I CARE!
KLATTER
WHOA!
What's gotten into you?
Y-YOU SHOULDN'T BE OKAY WITH JUST SQUEAKING BY!
PEOPLE WILL KEEP SAYING YOU ROAM THE STREETS AT NIGHT!


WHO TOLD YOU THAT?
Uh...
I HEARD IT IN PASSING YESTERDAY.
ANYWAY, ALL I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...
MIDTERM EXAMS ARE IMPORTANT EVEN AS FIRST-Y...
パチン
CHAK


MAYBE TO YOU THEY ARE, MITSUMI-CHAN.


"MAYBE THAT'S ALL IT IS TO YOU."
UH!
I'M SOR...


スクッ
SHWp
Okay!
THAT'S THE LAST OF THESE!
TAMP
タン
TAMP
タン
タン
TAMP
I'LL GO RUN THEM TO THE STAFF ROOM!
NO, LET ME--
IT'S OKAY! I HAD A QUESTION FOR SENSEI, ANYWAY!
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
MI...


がし
SKRUFF



Scene ⑩ END


BUS
STOP
Scene ⑪ A Twinkling End to the Rainy Season


"MAYBE THAT'S ALL IT IS TO YOU."
"MAYBE TO YOU THEY ARE, MITSUMI-CHAN."
He...
was holding a grudge!


I stepped way, way over the line!
Of course I did! Unlike Shima-kun, I just don't listen!
He wouldn't appreciate my sticking my nose into his life! Especially not after he told me about his acting!
OH!
Wait. Let's analyze this...
"MAYBE THAT'S ALL IT IS TO YOU."
Added to...
"MAYBE TO YOU THEY ARE, MITSUMI-CHAN."
That doesn't necessarily indicate malice, right?!
Entrance Ceremony.
Repeating it two months later!
Late June.
Maybe I'm overthinking this, and we just happened to say similar things.
Come to think of it, his tone was different!
"MAYBE TO YOU THEY ARE, MITSUMI-CHAN."
Yes, that's it! I'm certain of it!
He probably wasn't mad at all!
Different people value different things. And that's okay, right...?


I jumped to the worst-case scenario!
Well, I'll find out what he really meant tomorrow.
For now, I should focus on exams.
Focus ...
SIGH...
I THINK I WAS HOLDING A GRUDGE.
YOU'RE ASKING ME TO PLAY THERAPIST?
SQUEAK
AT THIS HOUR?
SERIOUSLY, SOUSUKE, WHEN ARE YOU GONNA GO HOME?


C'MON, LET ME GET THIS OFF MY CHEST, CHRIS-KUN.
UH, I'M TRYING TO STUDY.
DON'T YOU HAVE MIDTERMS AT YOUR SCHOOL, TOO?
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE RIGHT. I'LL GO.
THERE'S THIS GIRL. WE'RE CLASS OFFICERS TOGETHER.
HUH? PFFT!
YOU? A CLASS OFFICER?! SINCE WHEN?!
SORRY. SO, THIS GIRL?
SHE'S, WELL... SUPER FOCUSED.
SHE DIDN'T SEEM TO GET IT WHEN I SKIPPED...
SO SHE KIND OF READ ME THE RIOT ACT.
Mm-hm.
Mm-hm.
The class rep type.
AND I KIND OF SAID SOMETHING BACK TO HER.
IN A BRILLIANTLY BITING TONE.
Pretty sure it hurt, too.
OOOF. YOU NEED TO CUT THAT OUT.
IT'S LIKE THERE'S A BEAST UNDER THAT SMILE OF YOURS. IT'S SCARY!


YOU USUALLY LET THIS KIND OF THING ROLL OFF YOUR BACK.
...
BUT WHY ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THIS?
WHAT?
YEAH, IT'S WEIRD.
SHE'S THE BEST FRIEND I HAVE AMONG THE GIRLS.
SO...I GUESS IT JUST HURT TO HEAR THAT FROM HER.
OH MY!
SQUIRM
YOU REALLY OUGHT TO TELL HER THAT, MY MAN.
SQUIRM
Ha ha!
NAAAH, I'LL PASS.


IT'S JUST... WHAT'S THE POINT OF TALKING ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS AND STUFF?
IF THINGS ARE FINE, LEAVE THEM ALONE AND THEY STAY OKAY.
IF THEY'RE BAD, EVEN IF YOU TALK IT OUT, THEY'LL STILL BE BAD.
YOU'RE JUST PUSHING HER AWAY.
......
Time to go home.
Okay.


STILL.
THE FACT THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A RELATIONSHIP-- ANY RELATIONSHIP-- IS HEADLINE NEWS.
I COULDN'T FOCUS AT ALL!
But that's okay. I'll get to class, and if Shima-kun's there, I'll tell him good morning.
With a bright smile! Like I don't have a care in the world!


OH.
GOOD... MORNING.
WOW... SHE'S FURIOUS.
Frizzy hair from humidity.
...?! ......!!!
Bloodshot eyes.
MORNING.
The not-smile she wasn't yet prepared to give.
Low, strangled voice.


......
TMP
TMP
KLANK
ガシャ
SMILE
にこ
SUDDENLY GOT COLD TODAY, HUH?
PHEW!
Y-YES!
TEN DEGREES COLDER THAN YESTERDAY.
Wow.
THAT RAINY SEASON CHILL, HUH?


YEAH...
......
完
THE END.
WE TALKED ABOUT THE WEATHER, AND THAT WAS IT.
It feels like...
he's being stand-offish!
Morning.



どきBA-DMP
YOU GUYS HAVE A FIGHT?
WH-WHAT?! WHAT COULD YOU MEAN?!
どきBA-DMP
どきBA-DMP
CALL IT A HUNCH.
That Mika-chan!
Nothing gets past her!
ガヤYAMMER
ガヤYAMMER
LISTEN!
MY FRIEND IS DEALING WITH A DILEMMA! NOT ME!
UH-HUH.
SO OBVIOUS.


SHE AND A BOY SAID SOME THINGS THAT WERE INOFFENSIVE BUT THEY'VE MADE THINGS AWKWARD BETWEEN THEM. SO SHE TELLS ME.
UH-HUUUH.
LET'S DIVE A LITTLE DEEPER.
WERE THEY THINGS THAT MIGHT UPSET THE OTHER PERSON?
WELL...
I wouldn't say that.
I only said anything because Shima-kun was too happy about skipping school!
What a draaag.
Eternal Youth
That's right! I was coming from a place of concern!
THEN MAYBE SHE'S BETTER OFF NOT APOLOGIZING. WHY DIG UP THE PAST, RIGHT?
IF SHE SAID WHAT SHE WANTED TO SAY, SHE SHOULD STICK TO HER GUNS.
NO!
SHE WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT HER FRIEND!
OH, I SEE.


Did I say what I wanted to say?
Heh heh...
LOOK AT THE GEARS GO ROUND.
YOU'VE GOT THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING CLASS OFFICERS WITH HIM. USE IT.
....
ぐる SPIN
ぐる SPIN
WHAT SHE WANTED TO SAY...
NOTHING!
Eee!
ぽす BOBBLE
ぽす BOBBLE
......
WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT~?
ぽすっ PAFF
!
Who wants snack-ies?
You brought the good stuff, Makocchan.
Croquettes from the school store?


I still think it was wrong of him to make other people worry.
But if I ask myself whether I said what I wanted to, that doesn't seem right, either.
What was the first thought that sprang into my mind...
when I didn't see him there...?

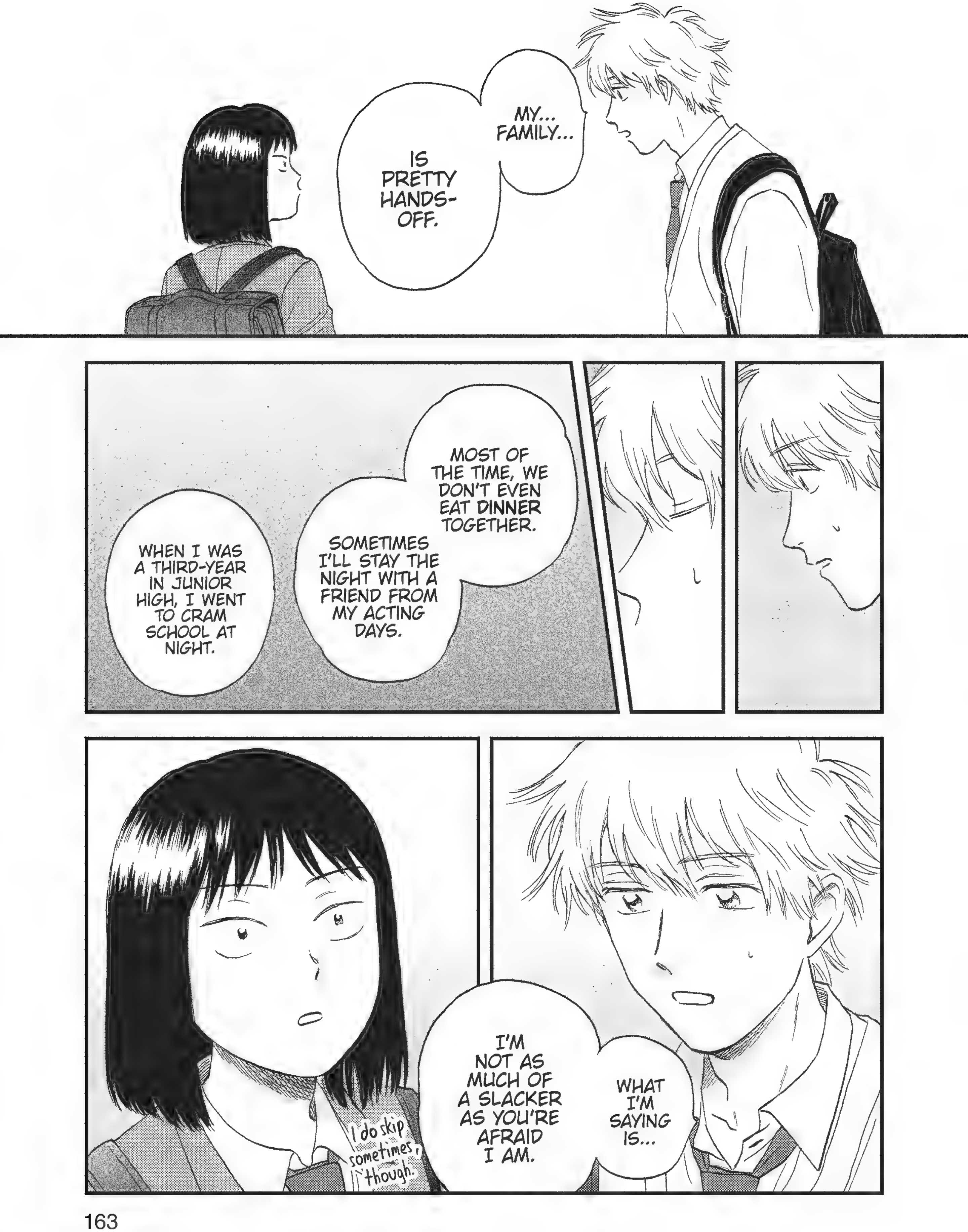

Ha ha ha!
SH--
SHIMA-KUN!
DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
SQUEAK
SQUEAK


TMP
TMP
......
HEY.
IS THIS ABOUT YESTER-DAY?
IF I CAME OFF TOO HARSH, I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO.
I ACTUALLY HAVE SOME THINGS TO DO AT HOME, THOUGH. WE GOOD?
OH, OKAY.


WAIT!
JUST LET ME SAY ONE THING!
ABOUT YESTER-DAY...
I'M SORRY FOR POKING YOU SO MUCH. ABOUT THE EXAMS.
I WAS BEING SEMI-SERIOUS...
BUT IT WASN'T THE WHOLE TRUTH.


I WANTED TO SAY I WAS GLAD YOU CAME BACK. THINGS ARE DULL AS DIRT WHEN YOU'RE NOT AROUND.


......?
TH-THAT'S ALL!
SEE YOU!
UH.
SHWIP
ぱっ


MY... FAMILY...
IS PRETTY HANDS-OFF.
MOST OF THE TIME, WE DON'T EVEN EAT DINNER TOGETHER.
SOMETIMES I'LL STAY THE NIGHT WITH A FRIEND FROM MY ACTING DAYS.
WHEN I WAS A THIRD-YEAR IN JUNIOR HIGH, I WENT TO CRAM SCHOOL AT NIGHT.
WHAT I'M SAYING IS...
I'M NOT AS MUCH OF A SLACKER AS YOU'RE AFRAID I AM.
I do skip sometimes, though.


IS...IS THAT RIGHT?
AAARGH, YEAH, UH... WHAT AM I TRYING TO SAY HERE?
WHAT UPSET ME WASN'T YOU POKING ME ABOUT IT.
I THINK IT'S THAT...
YOU TOOK ALL THOSE RUMORS ABOUT ME SERIOUSLY.
Oh!
I DIDN'T! I JUST HAPPENED TO HEAR IT IN THE HALLWAY, AND--
NO, IT'S OKAY. I GET IT.
The overall situation.
I'M USED TO HAVING PEOPLE SPIN UP WILD STORIES ABOUT ME.


BUT, MITSUMI-CHAN, I DON'T WANT YOU TO BELIEVE THEM.
DON'T EVEN LISTEN TO THEM, OKAY?
OKAY!
I WON'T LISTEN!
NOD
ぶん
NOD
ぶん
UM...


PFFT!
SORRY. THAT WAS IMMATURE OF ME.
And I was mean.
I SEE! SO THAT'S ALL IT WAS.
I HAVEN'T MADE UP WITH SOMEONE THIS DRAMATICALLY SINCE GRADE SCHOOL!
AH HA HA
WHAT, REEEALLY?!
HA HA!
HUH?!
WHAT?! DID I SAY SOMETHING FUNNY?!
SNERK
SNERK
SNERK...
NO, SORRY! IT'S JUST...
AH HA HA! OH, MAN!
I CAN'T STOP LAUGHING!
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH A HEARTFELT MAKING-UP EVERY NOW AND THEN!


YEAH.
EVERY NOW AND THEN.
BA-DMP どきっ
URK!
WHERE IS THIS FEELING COMING FROM?!
"I'D WORRY ABOUT THE RIGHT THING TO SAY, SOMETIMES WANTING TO SCOOT MID-SENTENCE."
All I want to do is run.
Like, I want to leave this place at a full sprint!
どき BA-DMP
どき BA-DMP
......!!!
どき BA-DMP
PHEW. YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE?
どき BA-DMP

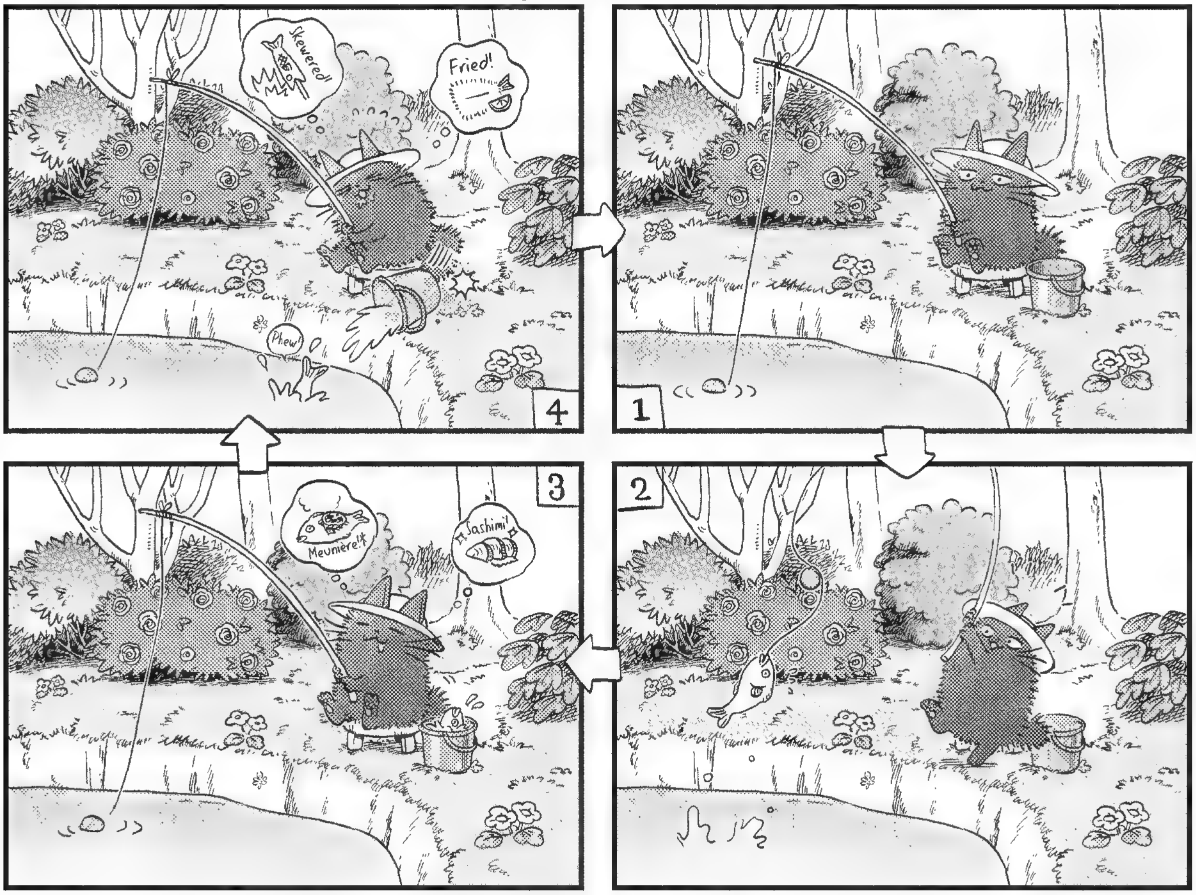

I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN REAL FRIENDS WITH A GIRL.



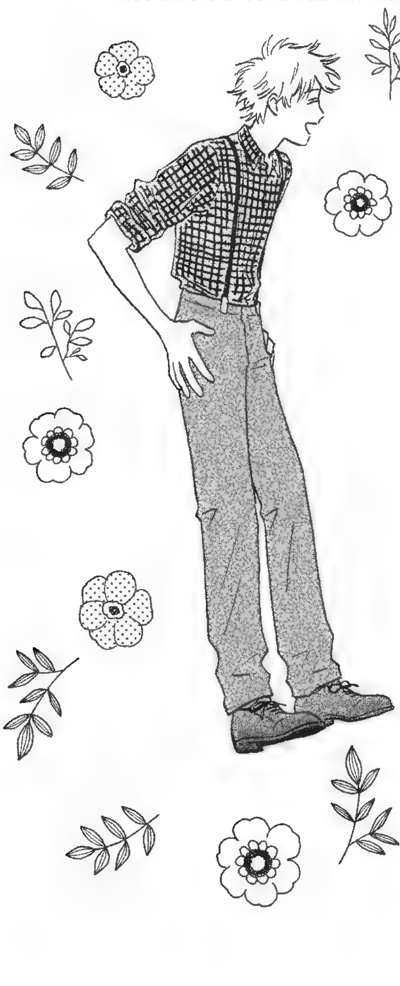
PRRR!
Huh?
Has it gotten hotter?
HUFF!
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TMP
PRRR!
HUFF!
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The forecast said it would only be twenty degrees Celsius, didn't it?
PRRR!
タッ
TMP
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TMP


BOOP
HEEEYA, MITSUMI-CHAN! WHASSUP?
YOU CAN FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT A FRIEND TOO, RIGHT?!
Summer is just around the corner.
HUH?!
WHAT? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
Scene 11 END

Kittykura-san



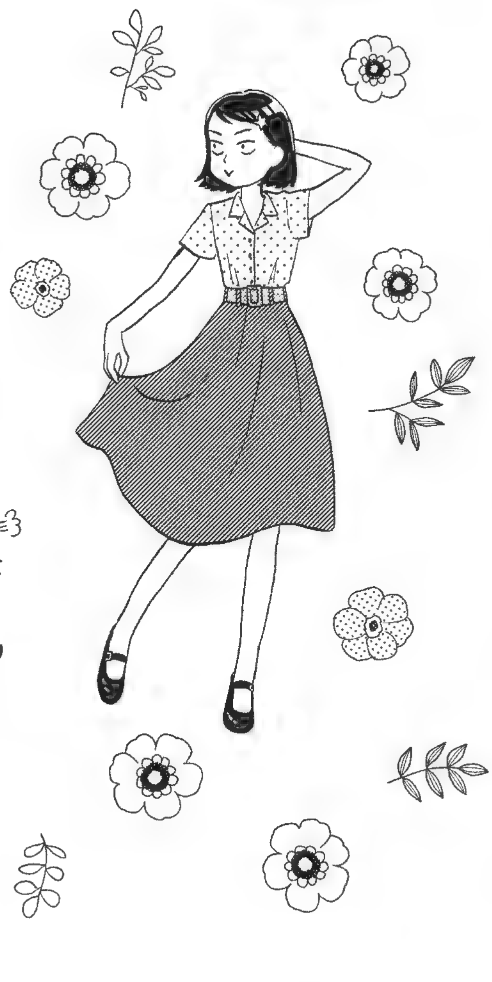
*Meunière is a French dish in which fish is dredged in flour then sautéed in butter.



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I hope you continue to enjoy this series.

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UNDER-STAND, YOUNG LADY?
IF ANY SKETCHY-LOOKIN' PUNKS COME UP TO YOU, IGNORE 'EM!
RELAX, NAO-CHAN.
I WON'T MAKE IT RAIN BLOOD AROUND A BUNCHA CIVVIES.
GOTS IT!
YOU
押
忍
'Cause I deserve a place at the top!
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If you ain't top dog, you're bottom rung.



For friends like these...I'd lay down my life.



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Makocchan


Kurume Makoto. Birthday: April 17th.
Her parents are both government employees. She is a voracious reader who tears through over one hundred books a year.
Most days, she goes home straight after school to get lost in her books. But...
HOW COULD YOU LET US MISS YOUR BIRTHDAY?!
YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD US!
WE'RE GETTING CRÊPES AT THE STATION, AND THAT'S FINAL!
ARE YOU SURE THIS ISN'T JUST AN EXCUSE TO GET CRÊPES?
YES! THIS IS CAUSE FOR CELEBRA-TION!
OF COURSE NOT! IT'S A SPECIAL OCCASION!
Her reading list might be a little shorter this year.
YOU KNOW, I CAN LIVE WITH THAT.

Yuzu-chan



Murashige Yuzuki. Birthday: December 11th.
Her father was stationed in America, where she was raised until she was eight years old. In her spare time, she plays the piano and enjoys the fine arts.
THAT GIRL REALLY IS THE TOTAL PACKAGE.
MURMUR ざわ
YOU'D THINK SHE'S A REAL ICE QUEEN, BUT SHE'S REALLY NICE!
MURMUR ざわ
WHAT CAN'T SHE DO?
Chiffon, the Murashige family's pet dog.
Behold her drawing prowess.
BWA HA HA!!
HOO!
Hey!
FUME
She's in the art club, too.
FUME
Stop laughing!

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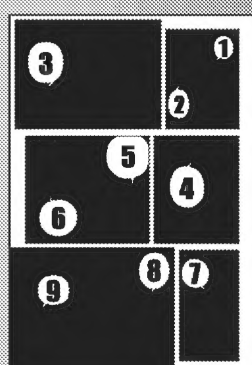
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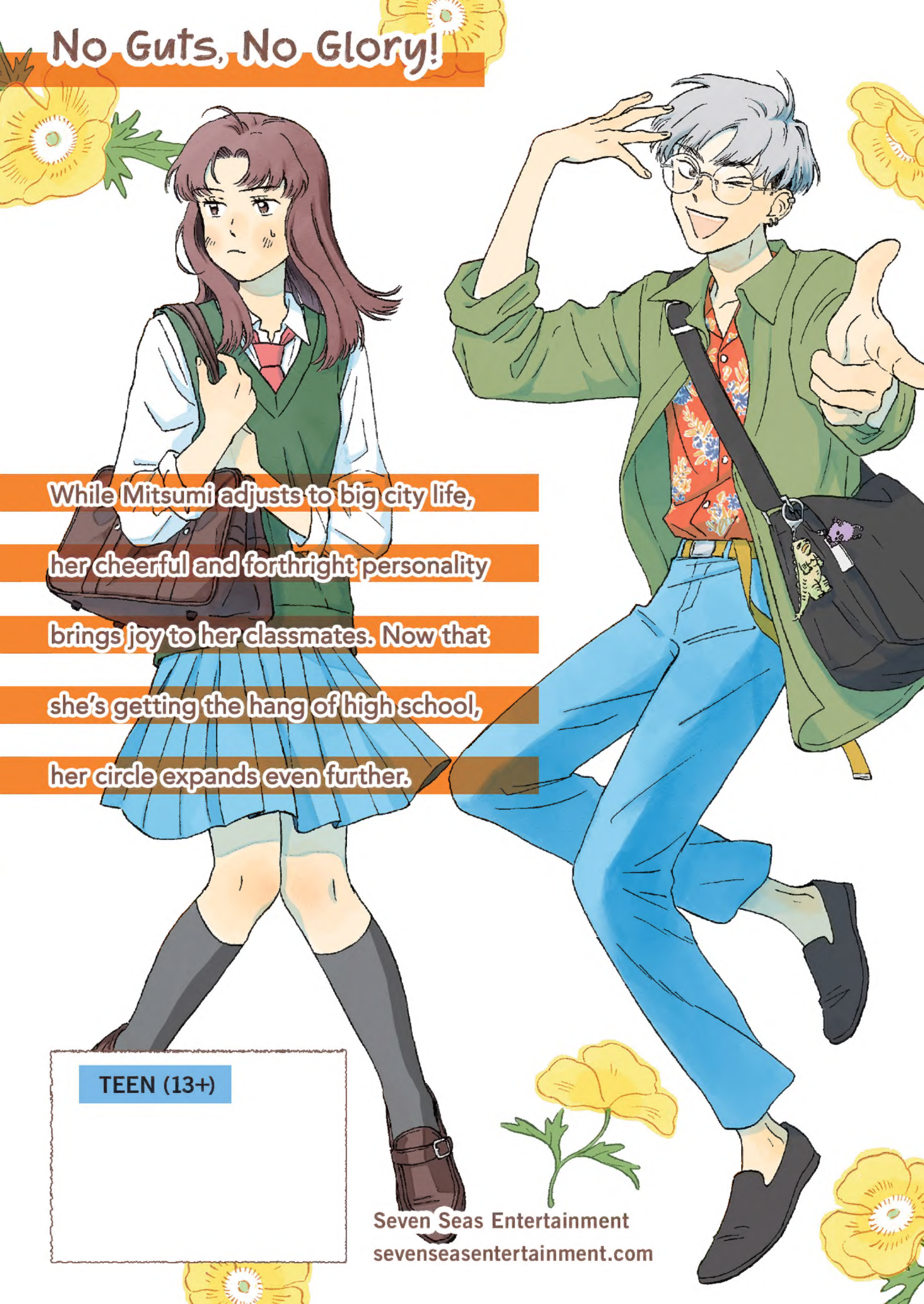
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